MEMORANDUM

TO: DHB Management & State Plan E-mail Subscribers

FROM: Betty J. Staton, State Plan Manager

SUBJECT: Update to State Plan for Health Benefits (291)

DATE: February 8, 2019

The following changes were made in the NC Medicaid State Plan Manual. You may view the Plan on DHB’s website at http://dma.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/nc-health-choice-state-plan.

**SPA 18-0005 (Local Education Agencies):** This State Plan expand the documentation options for Local Education Agencies (LEA) to receive Medicaid reimbursement for nursing, counseling, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy and physical therapy services. It also adds vision screening services and clarifies the definition of hearing services.

**OLD PAGE(S):** Attachment 3.1-A.1, Pages 7d-7f.1
Attachment 4.19-B, Section 6, Pages 2, 4, and 5

**NEW PAGE(S):** Attachment 3.1-A.1, Page 7d-7f.3
Attachment 4.19-B, Section 6, Pages 2, 4, and 5

**SPA 18-0008 (Free Standing Birth Center Program):** This State Plan removes the Market Basket Index which is applied as the inflationary factor in effect each January 1st from the Freestanding Birth Center Program.

**OLD PAGE(S):** Attachment 4.19-B, Section 9, Page 3
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