



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/5/2019

Presentations

Department (s): Health & Human Services **Presenter(s): Medicaid Transformation**

Planning

Action Team Members

Emergency Services

Contact(s): Stoney Blevins, Director

Subject: Medicaid Transformation Overview

Brief Summary:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will transition most beneficiaries to NC Medicaid Managed Care on February 1, 2020. This transition is known as Medicaid Transformation. The intent of North Carolina Medicaid Transformation is an effort to provide more 'whole-person' care that includes physical and behavioral health. Medicaid services will be delivered in a new way – through a health insurance plan that Medicaid participants will need to sign up for. Most participants will need to sign up for a Prepaid Health Plan in 2019/20 while some recipients will remain in the current structure called Medicaid Direct. Participants currently receiving more specialized behavioral health (including services for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities) will continue receiving services coordinated by their current North Carolina LME/MCO, and may sign up for a Tailored Plan when they become available.

This presentation is a critical component of the communication plan to ensure that the Commission and residents are fully aware of this impending change.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Presentation Only – No Formal Action

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager authorizes the presentation to be shared for information purposes.