JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID AND NC HEALTH CHOICE



Medicaid and NC Health Choice

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Proposed Managed Care Program Design

- Based on best practices from other states and building on the existing infrastructure in NC
- Vision: Advance high value care; Improve health; Support providers; Build a sustainable program
- Key themes:
 - Focus on health of the whole person
 - Improve health and well-being of North Carolinians
 - Support providers in delivering high-quality care at good value
- Elements of the proposal need additional statutory authority from the GA

Transformation Timing

- May 2017 Request for Public Input & listening sessions
- August 2017 Proposed Program Design
- September 2017 Kickoff meeting with CMS leadership
- Fall 2017 Requests for Information
- Fall 2017 Waiver Amendment Submission
- Spring 2018 Waiver Amendment Approval*
- Spring 2018 RFP Release*
- Fall 2018 Contract Awardees Selected*
- July 2019 Phase 1 Go-Live*

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

- Sept. 30, 2017: Congress allowed CHIP authorization to lapse
- North Carolina funding sufficient for now
- Congress must reauthorize CHIP to continue serving NC working families

CHIP IN NORTH CAROLINA

- Covers children in families with income up to 211% of the federal poverty level or \$52,000 for a family of 4
- More than 200,000 NC children covered through CHIP
- More than 90% of eligible NC children are enrolled
- More than \$450M in health care services to NC children each year