AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: All rules submitted

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, May 10, 2019

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

On the Submission for Permanent Rule form, please state "DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits" or "Secretary of DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits" since it is the Secretary who has rulemaking authority through the Division. This will also match how you published these Rules in the Register.

In Box 9A, check "Agency" as the agency decided to readopt the rules through the existing rule review. Please do not check the "Legislation enacted by the General Assembly"

Also, please fix the spacing in Box 2 so that the form can be on one page.

AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23A .0103

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), since the terms defined in 42 CFR 431.804 are actually "active case" and "negative case" why not rewrite this sentence to reflect that? In addition, there is no need to say on line 4, "adopted and" And I suggest replacing "are' with "shall" on line 6.

Consider stating, "County DSS eligibility actions on active and negative cases, as defined by 42 CFR 432.804, which is incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions, and available free of charge at www.ecfr.gov, shall be subject to review ..."

On line 7, what are these control procedures at a federal and State level? Do you believe the State procedures are exempt from rulemaking pursuant to G.S. 150B-2(8a)(g)?

In (d), lines 17-18, does your regulated public know what these codes mean?

1	10A NCAC 23A	A .0103 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	A .0103 QUALITY ASSURANCE
4	(a) Active and	negative eligibility case actions, as defined by 42 C.F.R. 431.804, which is adopted and incorporated
5	by reference wi	th subsequent changes or amendments and available free of charge at https://www.ecfr.gov/, Case
6	actions taken by	the county department of social services are subject to review <u>under by State</u> and federal quality
7	control (QC) pr	rocedures by the Division's Office of Compliance and Program Integrity (OCPI). procedures. A
8	statistical sampl	e is shall be selected from both active and negative case actions.
9	(b) The purpose	e of the QC review is to identify <u>client</u> eligibility errors and erroneous payments resulting from:
10	(1)	Ineligibility;
11	(2)	Recipient liability understated or overstated by the client or county; overstated;
12	(3)	Third-party liability; and
13	(4)	Claims processing errors.
14	(c) A report of	an error discovered in a QC case shall be sent to the appropriate county agency for corrective action.
15	(d) If the count	y agency has <u>verification</u> , as <u>defined by Rule .0102 of this Subchapter</u> , verification that disputes a QC
16	finding of error	, it may submit the verification to OCPI the Recipient Services Section for review. The Recipient
17	Services Section	n cannot overturn a listed error, but OCPI shall determine whether the error shall be coded client-
18	responsible, cou	<u>inty-responsible, agency responsible,</u> or <u>State-responsible,</u> state responsible. Upon its review, <u>OCPI</u>
19	the Recipient Se	ervices Section shall notify the county agency of its decision regarding responsibility for the error.
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21	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 42 C.F.R. <u>431, Subpart P;</u> 431.800;
22		Eff. September 1, 1984;
23		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
24		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0501 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
25		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23C .0201

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a)(1), lines 11-12, why do you need this sentence, given the timeframes in G.S. 108A-70.37?

In (a)(6), line 21, please remove the errant highlighting from the "s" in "as"

On line 22, do you mean to cite to Rule .0102?

In (a)(7), line 26, please insert a period after "services."

On line 30, please capitalize "Rule" As it was published correctly in the Register, you do not need to show this as a change – simply do it.

In (b)(4), Page 2, line 6, what is "rebuttal value" and "rebuttal of intent"? Does your regulated public know?

In (b)(6), will your regulated public know how to determine what is "legally binding"?

In (c)(5), line 25, please remove the underlining from the struck language and bracket it. Thus: "A representative [does not accept responsibility for obtaining] has not agreed to obtain the information ..."

In (c)(5)(A), line 28, delete the "or"

In the History Note, line 33, there is no need to cite to G.S. 108A-70.37 as rulemaking authority.

Also in the History Note, please give the full citation for each CFR you are citing to, such as "42 CFR 435.912"

On Page 3, line 5, please state "May 1, 2019."

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amanda J. Reeder
Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

10A NCAC 23C .0201 is readopted with changes as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:

SECTION .0200 – APPLICATION PROCESSING, MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

10A NCAC 23C .0201 APPLICATION PROCESSING STANDARDS

- (a) The county department of social services shall comply with the following standards in processing applications:
 - (1) A decision shall be made within the timeframes set out in G.S. 108A-70.37. on an individual's eligibility for Medicaid shall be made within 45 calendar days from the date of application for Medicaid except for applications in which a disability determination has already been made or is needed. For those applications, a decision on an individual's eligibility shall be made within 90 days from the date of application. These timeframes shall apply in accordance with 42 CFR 435.912.
- (2) Only require information or verification necessary to establish eligibility for assistance;
- (3) Make <u>a minimum of at least</u>-two requests for all necessary information from the applicant or third party;
 - (4) Allow <u>a minimum of at least</u> 12 calendar days between the initial request and a follow-up request and at least 12 calendar days between the follow-up request and denial of the application;
 - (5) Inform the client in <u>writing writing</u>, and verbally when possible, of the right to request help in obtaining information requested from the client. The county department of social services shall not discourage any client from requesting such help;
 - (6) An application may pend up to six months for verification that the <u>deductible</u>, as <u>defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0201</u>, <u>deductible</u> has been met or disability established.
 - When a hearing decision reverses the decision of the <u>county department of social services County Department of Social Services</u> on an application, <u>pursuant to 10A NCAC 21A .0303</u>, the application shall be reopened within five <u>business</u> working days from the date the final appeal decision is received by the <u>county department of social services County Department of Social Services</u>. If the <u>county department of social services has all of the information needed to process the application, no additional information is needed, the application <u>shall must</u> be processed within five additional <u>business</u> working days. If additional information is needed pursuant to the final decision, the county shall make such requests in accordance with <u>this rule</u>, <u>rules for all applications</u>. The first request for the additional information shall be made within five <u>business</u> working days of receipt of the final appeal decision. The application shall be processed within five <u>business</u> workdays of receipt of the last piece of required information.</u>
 - (b) The county department of social services shall obtain <u>verification</u>, as defined by 10A NCAC 23A .0102, <u>verification</u> other than the applicant's statement for the following:

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1	(1)	Any element requiring medical verification. This includes verification of disability, pregnancy,
2		incapacity, emergency dates for aliens referenced in the Medicaid State Plan, 10A NCAC 23E
3		.0102(e), incompetence, and approval of institutional care;
4	(2)	Proof a deductible has been met;
5	(3)	Legal alien status;
6	(4)	Proof of the rebuttal value for resources and of the rebuttal of intent to transfer resources to become
7		eligible for Medicaid. When a client an applicant or recipient-disagrees with the determination of
8		the county department of social services on the value of an asset, then the client applicant/recipient
9		must provide proof of what the value of the asset is;
10	(5)	Proof of designation of liquid assets for burial;
11	(6)	Proof of legally binding agreement limiting resource availability;
12	(7)	Proof of valid social security number or application for a social security number;
13	(8)	Proof of reserve reduction when resources exceed the allowable reserve limit for Medicaid;
14	(9)	Proof of earned and unearned income, including deductions, exclusions, and operational expenses
15		when the applicant or caseworker Income Maintenance Caseworker has or can obtain the
16		verification; and
17	(10)	Any other information for which the applicant does not know or cannot give an estimate.
18	(c) The county	department of social services shall be responsible for verifying or obtaining verify or obtain an item
19	of information v	when:
20	(1)	A fee must be paid to obtain the verification;
21	(2)	It is available within the agency;
22	(3)	The county department of social services is required by federal law to assist or to use interagency
23		or intra-agency verification aids;
24	(4)	The applicant requests assistance; or
25	(5)	A representative does not accept responsibility for obtaining has not agreed to obtain the information
26		and the applicant is:
27		(A) The applicant is physically, mentally, or otherwise physically or mentally incapable of
28		obtaining the information; information, or is
29		(B) unable to speak English or read and write in English; write, or is
30		(C) housebound, hospitalized, or institutionalized. institutionalized, and a representative does
31		not accept responsibility for obtaining the information.
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33	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B</u> ; <u>108A-70.37</u> ; 42 C.F.R. 435.911; <u>435.912</u> ; <u>435.952</u> ;
34		Alexander v. Flaherty, V.S.D.C., W.D.N.C., File No. C-C-74-183, Consent Order Filed 15
35		December 1989; Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order filed February 14, 1992; Alexander v. Bruton
36		Consent Order dismissed Effective February 1, 2002;
37		Eff. September 1, 1984;

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1	Amended Eff. April 1, 1993; August 1, 1990;
2	Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 2003;
3	Amended Eff. August 1, 2004;
4	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0203 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
5	Readopted Eff. May 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 23D	.0101 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	SUB	CHAPTER 23D – MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY GROUPS AND CLASSIFICATION
4		
5		SECTION .0100 – COVERAGE GROUPS
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7	10A NCAC 23D	.0101 MANDATORY GROUPS
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9	History Note:	$Authority\ G.S.\ 108A-54;\ 42\ U.S.C.\ 1396a(a)(10);\ 42\ U.S.C.\ 1396a(e)(4);\ 42\ U.S.C.\ 1396a(f);\ 42\ U.S.C$
10		C.F.R. 435.110; 42 C.F.R. 435.112; 42 C.F.R. 435.113; 42 C.F.R. 435.114; 42 C.F.R. 435.115; 42
11		C.F.R. 435.116; 42 C.F.R. 435.117; 42 C.F.R. 435.118; 42 C.F.R. 435.121; 42 C.F.R. 435.131; 42
12		C.F.R. 435.132; 42 C.F.R. 435.133;
13		Eff. September 1, 1984;
14		Amended Eff. January 1, 1995; March 1, 1993; January 4, 1993; April 1, 1992;
15		Temporary Amendment September 13, 1999;
16		Temporary Amendment Expired June 27, 2000;
17		Temporary Amendment September 12, 2000;
18		Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;
19		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0101 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
20		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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I	10A NCAC 23D	.0102 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23D	0.0102 OPTIONAL GROUPS
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.210; 42 C.F.R. 435.222; 42 C.F.R. 435.230; 42 C.F.R.
6		435.301; 42 C.F.R. 435.308; 42 C.F.R. 435.322; 42 C.F.R. 435.330; 42 U.S.C. 1396(a)(10)(A)(ii);
7		42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(C); S.L. 1983, c. 1034, s. 62.2; S.L. 1987, c. 738, s. 69 and 70; S.L. 1989,
8		c. 752, s. 133;
9		Eff. September 1, 1984;
10		Amended Eff. February 1, 1992; July 1, 1991; August 1, 1990;
11		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 12, 1994, for a period of 180 days or until the permanent
12		rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;
13		Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1994, for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule
14		becomes effective, whichever is sooner;
15		Amended Eff. January 1, 1995;
16		Temporary Amendment Eff. February 23, 1999;
17		Amended Eff. August 1, 2000;
18		Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2002;
19		Amended Eff. April 1, 2003;
20		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0102 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
21		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>
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1	10A NCAC 231	D .0201 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3		SECTION .0200 - CLASSIFICATION
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5	10A NCAC 23	D .0201 CLASSIFICATION
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7	History Note:	Filed as a Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1994, for a period of 180 days or until the
8		permanent rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;
9		Filed as a Temporary Amendment Eff. September 12, 1994, for a period of 180 days or until the
10		permanent rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;
11		Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.2; 42 C.F.R. 435.4;
12		Eff. September 1, 1984;
13		Amended Eff. January 1, 1995; August 1, 1990;
14		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 13, 1999;
15		Temporary Amendment Expired June 27, 2000;
16		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 12, 2000;
17		Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;
18		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0408 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
19		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E, Section .0100

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, May 10, 2019

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

On the Submission for Permanent Rule Form for each rule in this Section, you checked that this is part of a combined analysis and no fiscal note required. However, in the NC Register, you stated that Rules 23E .0101 - .0108 affected State funds. Either the publication was incorrect or one or more forms in this Section need to be corrected. Please let me know which is true, and if necessary, fix the forms.

1	10A NCAC 23H	.0101 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SUBCHAPTER 23E – MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
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5		SECTION .0100 – NON-FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS
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7	10A NCAC 23	2.0101 AGE
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9	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.520; Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order filed
10		February 14, 1992;
11		Eff. September 1, 1984;
12		Amended Eff. April 1, 1993; August 1, 1990;
13		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0301 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
14		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>

1	10A NCAC 231	E .0102 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows::
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0102 UNITED STATES CITIZEN
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.402; 8 U.S.C. 1161; 8 U.S.C. 1255a; 42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)
6		Eff. September 1, 1984;
7		Amended Eff. August 1, 2000; December 1, 1991; August 1, 1990;
8		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0302 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
9		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0103

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (b), line 7, should "prior state" be replaced with "Georgia" given the language on line 8?

In (c), line 9, should this state "ineligible for NC Medicaid" given the language on line 11?

In (e)(3), lines 16-17, what do the terms "boarding home and confinement center" mean? Does your regulated public know?

On line 17, replace "in which' with "where"

10A NCAC 23E .0103 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:

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10A NCAC 23E .0103 RESIDENCE

- 4 (a) The requirements stated in 42 CFR 435.403 shall apply to determine residence in the <u>State</u> except for
- 5 provisions in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.
- 6 (b) Residents of the state of Georgia who enter a long term care facility in N.C. within 40 miles of the resident state's
- border shall retain residence in the prior state. Residents of N.C. who enter a long term care facility in Georgia within
- 8 40 miles of the N.C. border retain N.C. residency.
- 9 (c) An individual visiting in the state without intent to reside remain in the State shall be ineligible for Medicaid.
- 10 (d) An individual who moves to another state and intends to <u>reside</u> remain living in that state shall not be eligible for
- 11 N.C. Medicaid.
- 12 (e) County residence:
 - (1) Any client who moves from one county to another North Carolina county shall continue to receive assistance so long as eligibility continues. if eligible.
 - An individual ordinarily has residence in the county in which he or she resides. However, if he or she is in a hospital, mental institution, intermediate care facility, skilled nursing home, boarding home, confinement center, center or similar facility, the county in which the facility is located shall not be his or her legal residence. Except for (e)(3) in this Rule, the county of legal residence shall be the county where in which the individual lived in a private living arrangement prior to entering a facility.
 - (3) If an individual who became disabled prior to age 18 has remained in a facility, he <u>or she</u> remains a resident of the county and state <u>where in which</u> his <u>or her</u> parent(s) had residence immediately prior to his <u>or her</u> reaching age 18. If, as an adult, he <u>or she</u> is applying for assistance and it is not possible <u>for the individual</u> to trace his <u>or her</u> county of residence as a minor, he <u>or she</u> shall establish residence based on <u>where he or she intends</u> his intent to <u>reside</u>, remain-regardless of his <u>or her</u> parent's current legal residence.
 - (f) The client's statement shall be accepted as verification unless there is reason to doubt it. If there is doubt, evaluation of the statement shall be substantiated for:
 - (1) Temporary absence by determination of the reason for absence, expected duration of the absence, and continued maintenance of home in county of residence;
 - (2) Entering the state for employment purposes by verified employment, contacts with prospective employers, health department records, Employment Security Commission or Rural Manpower office registration, home in another state with lease or other legal agreement for rental or purchase, or documents proving separation from dependents in another state;
 - (3) Intent to remain by documents proving disposition of home in prior state, auto registration and drivers license changed to N.C. within 30 days, change in address with former post office or other sources from which income is received and change in voter registration, tax listing;

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1	(4)—	Incapability of stating intent by verification of representative payee for benefit payments, receipt of
2		benefits on basis of mental illness or retardation, care is provided in a mental retardation facility or
3		power of attorney or guardian has been appointed for him.
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 108A-55.3; G.S. 150B-14(c); 42 C.F.R. 435.403;
6		Eff. September 1, 1984;
7		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
8		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0303 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
9		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 231	E .0104 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0104 DEPRIVATION
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-28; 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.510; 89 CVS 922;
6		Eff. September 1, 1984;
7		Amended Eff. October 1, 1991; August 1, 1990;
8		Temporary Amendment Eff. August 5, 1999;
9		Amended Eff. March 19, 2001;
10		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0304 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
11		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0105

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

What is the purpose of Paragraph (a)? Is this to remind individuals of the State Plan, or are you setting an eligibility category? If it is the latter, then the Division has no authority to do so in light of G.S. 108-54(f).

On line 7, delete "adopted and"

On line 8, replace "changes and amendments" with "amendments and editions"

On lines 8-9, who expects this?

On line 9, replace "twelve" with "12" (See Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108(9)(b))

In (c), line 14, what are the contents of this form? Contents of forms must be set forth in a law or Rule. Is there another law or rule that establishes these contents?

On line 14, capitalize "State" assuming you mean NC.

In (d), consider writing this in active voice: "The Disability Determination Services Section shall determine disability for all individuals, except for those receiving social security or supplemental security income on the basis of a disability."

In (e), line 21, should "adopted" be "followed" or the federal term, "binding"?

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amanda J. Reeder
Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

1 10A NCAC 23E .0105 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:

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10A NCAC 23E .0105 DISABILITY

- 4 (a) As set out in the Medicaid State Plan, individuals Individuals eligible for Medicaid in December 1973 as disabled
- 5 individuals and who meet conditions required by 42 CFR 435.133 shall be permanently and totally disabled based on
- 6 a physical or mental impairment that which substantially precludes him or her from obtaining engaging in substantial
- 7 gainful activity, as defined at 20 CFR 404.1510, which is adopted and incorporated by reference with subsequent
- 8 changes or amendments and available free of charge at https://www.ecfr.gov/, employment, and such impairment can
- 9 <u>be expected to result in death, or has lasted or can be expected to last twelve months or longer. appears reasonably</u>
- 10 certain to continue without substantial improvement throughout his life time.
- 11 (b) Any client who has applied for Medicaid since January 1, 1974 on the basis of disability is required to shall be
- 12 found disabled under the definition of disability and procedures established for evaluation of vocational and medical
- 13 factors under the supplemental security income program.
- 14 (c) A social history on a form prescribed by the state shall be completed by the <u>caseworker Income Maintenance</u>
- 15 Caseworker and submitted to the <u>Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services</u>, Disability Determination <u>Services</u>
- 16 Section with the request for disability determination.
- 17 (d) Except for <u>clients</u> elient's receiving social security or supplemental security income on the basis of disability, the
- decision on disability is made by the Disability Determination Services Section. Section of the Division of Social
- 19 Services.
- 20 (e) Social Security Administration (SSA) decisions made for social security disability or supplemental security
- 21 income shall be adopted for persons applying for Medicaid.
- 22 (f) Disability determination shall be verified from the client's award letter, SDX, BENDEX, Disability Determination
- 23 <u>Services</u> Section approval, Administrative Law Judge <u>decision</u>, <u>decision</u> or other documentary evidence. <u>SDX and</u>
- 24 BENDEX are defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102.
- 25 (g) Disability for purposes of Medicaid eligibility shall cease when the client is determined by the Social Security
- 26 Administration or the Disability Determination Services Section to be capable of engaging in substantial gainful
- 27 activity. The client may appeal the termination of Medicaid, pursuant to G.S. 108A-70.9A. Medicaid based on his
- 28 disability cessation.

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- 30 History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B</u>; <u>20 C.F.R. 404.1505</u>; 42 C.F.R. 435.540; 42 C.F.R. 435.541;
- 31 Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order filed February 14, 1992;
- 32 Eff. September 1, 1984;
- 33 Amended Eff. April 1, 1993; August 1, 1990;
- 34 Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0305 Eff. May 1, 2012; 2012.
- 35 <u>Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>

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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0106

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a)(1), line 6, replace "receiving" with "receipt of"

On line 7, what are "gaps"? Are you using this term to define "continuously" on line 4?

In (b), is this the method for determining eligibility for (a)(2) applicants?

In (d), line 25, capitalize "Rule"

1	10A NCAC 23	E .0106 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0106 BLINDNESS
4	(a) To qualify	for Medicaid under the category of Aid to the Blind, the client shall meet one of the following
5	conditions:	
6	(1)	Was-receiving Medicaid on the basis of blindness in December 1973, has been continuously eligible
7		for Medicaid with no gaps since that date, date and has been determined by the Disability
8		<u>Determination Services Section</u> State disability determination unit to have visual acuity of 20/100
9		in the better eye with correction or visual field limitation in the better eye of 30 percent or less; or
10	(2)	Has applied for Medicaid since January 1, 1974 and meets the definition of blindness, vocational.
11		vocational and medical factors applied under the Supplemental Security Income program, pursuant
12		to 20 CFR 404, Subpart P. Program.
13	(b) For clients	s applying for Medicaid since January 1, <u>1974</u> , 1974 blindness shall be determined by one of the
14	following meth	ods:
15	(1)	Documentary evidence including SDX, BENDEX, or an award letter that social security benefits,
16		supplemental security income income, or veterans benefits have been awarded on the basis of
17		blindness; <u>or</u>
18	(2)	A written decision from the physician consultant of the Division of Services for the Blind based on
19		review of a medical eye examination report.
20	(c) Blindness s	hall be reverified for clients determined eligible under Paragraph (b) of this Rule at each review of the
21	client's eligibility or when reexamination is recommended by the physician consultant in his or her professiona	
22	opinion. consul	tant.
23	(d) The client	shall cease to qualify for Medicaid as a blind individual when evidence is received from any of the
24	sources describ	ed in Paragraphs (a)(1) or (b) of this Rule that the client no longer meets the conditions of blindness
25	set out in this ru	ale and the Medicaid State Plan. definition of blindness.
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27	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 20 C.F.R. 404, Subpart P; 42 C.F.R. 435.530; 42 C.F.R.
28		435.531;
29		Eff. September 1, 1984;
30		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
31		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0306 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
32		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 231	E .0107 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0107 CARETAKER RELATIVE
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.310;
6		Eff. September 1, 1984;
7		Amended Eff. April 1, 1993; August 1, 1990;
8		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0307 Eff. May 1 <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
9		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>
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1	10A NCAC 23E	2.0108 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 231	E .0108 INMATE OF PUBLIC INSTITUTION OR PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAI
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.1008; 42 C.F.R. 435.1009; S.L. 1987, c. 758, s. 69;
6		Eff. September 1, 1984;
7		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
8		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0308 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
9		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 6, I realize that "all necessary steps" is the term used in 42 CFR 435.608. But what does it mean? What are these steps? Who determines what those are?

Consider making Paragraph (b) part of Paragraph (a).

On line 10, capitalize "Rule"

1	10A NCAC 231	E .0201 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:	
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3		SECTION .0200 – FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	
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5	10A NCAC 23	E .0201 APPLYING FOR ALL BENEFITS AND ANNUITIES	
6	(a) Clients shall	l take all necessary steps to obtain any annuities, pensions, retirement and disability benefits to which	
7	they are entitled, pursuant to 42 CFR 435.608, which is adopted and incorporated by reference with subsequent		
8	changes or amendments and available free of charge at https://www.ecfr.gov/, unless they have good cause for not		
9	doing so as determined by the county department of social services. so.		
10	(b) For purpose	es of this rule, good Good cause shall be is limited to physical or mental incapability to make such	
11	effort.		
12	(c) If a client fa	ils to comply with Paragraph (a) and does not show good cause, The amount of any verifiable benefits	
13	is counted as in	ncome to the client if the amount can be determined. If the amount cannot be determined, but the	
14	availability is v	erified, the client's eligibility benefits case shall be terminated. denied or terminated for client's failure	
15	to cooperate.		
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17	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 42 C.F.R. <u>435.608;</u> 435.603 ;	
18		Eff. September 1, 1984;	
19		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;	
20		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0309 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.	
21		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.	
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0202

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 5, consider moving "except as specified in Paragraphs (j) and (k)" to line 5 and start the sentence, "Except as specified in Paragraphs (j) and (k) of this Rule, the resources that are counted...

On line 9, please be sure to insert the underlining under url.

On line 11, what do you mean by "can be made available"? By whom? The applicant?

In (b), line 14, what do you mean by "actually" available? Available for immediate use?

On line 15, what is "necessary" action?

In (d), line 24, what is a "reasonable amount of time"? Reasonable to whom?

In (e), end (e)(1) and (2) with semicolons, not commas.

In (e)(2), line 32, who determines if the individual "may have a legal interest" here?

Bring the language on lines 34 through Page 2, line 8, the left margin, as it appears that this language applies to all of (e), not just (e)(3).

On Page 2, line 1, what is a "reasonable amount of time" here? Who decides this?

On line 7, replace "such" with "the"

Also on line 7, what do you mean by "indicates"? Do you mean "shows" or "states" instead?

In (f), line 12, what it the purpose of the reference to G.S. 1?

In (g), line 16, remove the quotation marks from "competent evidence," as you are not defining the term here. You will leave them in (h).

On line 16, add "as" before "defined"

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Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

On line 17, I suggest deleting "such"

On line 18, I suggest replacing "specified" with "defined" since I think that's what you mean here.

In (i)(2), line 37, insert a space between "11:59" and "pm" As you published this correctly in the Register, you do not need to show this as a change.

In Paragraphs (j) and (k), what authority are you relying upon to set these resource standards? Is it G.S. 108A-54B(a):

(a) The Department is expressly authorized to adopt temporary and permanent rules to implement or define the federal laws and regulations, the North Carolina State Plan of Medical Assistance, and the North Carolina State Plan of the Health Insurance Program for Children, the terms and conditions of eligibility for applicants and recipients of the Medical Assistance Program and the Health Insurance Program for Children

In (k)(3), line 16, I suggest replacing "is not" with "shall not be" to be consistent with (k)(3).

Why do you need (k)(4) in light of the language in (i)(2)?

In (I)(4), Page 4, line 12, please underline "The" as it is new language.

In (I)(7)(B), line 18, please insert a comma after "trailers"

In (I), line 3, and (o), line 24, you state "medically needy Family and Children's cases" but in (m), line 22, and (n), line 23, you state "Family and Children's medically needy cases" If these are the same thing, shouldn't the phrase be the same everywhere?

In (p), line 26, should "family" and "children's" be capitalized as it is elsewhere in the Rule?

10A NCAC 23E .0202 is readopted with changes as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:

10A NCAC 23E .0202 WHAT RESOURCES ARE COUNTED RESERVE

- (a) North Carolina has contracted with the Social Security Administration under Section 1634 of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid to all SSI recipients. Resource eligibility—The resources that are counted for Medicaid eligibility for individuals under any aged, blind, and disabled Aged, Blind, and Disabled coverage group shall be determined based on standards and methodologies in Title XVI of the Social Security Act, which is adopted and incorporated by reference with subsequent changes or amendments and available free of charge at http://uscode.house.gov/, Act-except as specified in Paragraphs (j)(k) and (k)(l) of this Rule. Applicants for and recipients of Medicaid shall use their own resources to meet their needs for living costs and medical care to the extent
- 11 that such resources can be made available.
- 12 (b) The value of resources currently available to any budget unit member of a budget unit, as defined in 10A NCAC
- 13 23A .0102, shall be considered in determining financial eligibility. A resource shall be considered available when it
- is actually available and when the budget unit member has a legal interest in the resource and he or she, or someone
- acting in his <u>or her</u> behalf, can take any necessary action to make it available.
 - (c) Resources shall be excluded in determining financial eligibility when the budget unit member with having a legal interest in the resources is declared incompetent, incompetent unless:
 - (1) A guardian of the estate, a general <u>guardian</u>, <u>guardian</u> or an interim guardian has been <u>lawfully</u> appointed <u>in accordance with the law</u> and is able to act on behalf of his <u>or her</u> ward in North Carolina and in any state <u>in which where</u> such resources are located; or
 - (2) A durable power of attorney, valid in North Carolina and in any state in which where such resource is located, has been granted to a person who is authorized and able to exercise such power.
 - (d) When there is a guardian, an interim guardian, or a person holding a valid, durable power of attorney for a budget unit member, but such person is unable, fails, or refuses to act within a reasonable amount of time promptly to make the resources actually available to meet the needs of the budget unit member, a referral shall be made to the services unit of the county department of social services for a determination of whether the guardian or attorney in fact is acting in the best interests of the member and if not, the county department of social services shall contact the clerk of court for intervention. The resources shall be excluded in determining financial eligibility pending action by the clerk of court.
 - (e) When a Medicaid application is filed on behalf of an individual who:
 - (1) is alleged to be mentally incompetent,
 - (2) has or may have a legal interest in a resource that affects the individual's eligibility, and
 - (3) does not have a representative with legal authority to use or dispose of the individual's resources, the individual's representative or family member shall be instructed by the county department of social services to file within 30 calendar days a judicial proceeding under G.S. 35A to declare the individual incompetent and appoint a guardian. If the representative or family member either fails to file such a proceeding within 30 calendar days or fails to timely conclude the proceeding within

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1	a reasonable amount of time, proceeding, a referral shall be made to the protective services unit of
2	the county department of social services for guardianship services. If the allegation of incompetence
3	that has lasted, or is expected to last 30 consecutive days or more, or until the individual's death, is
4	supported by competent evidence, as specified in Paragraph (h) of this Rule, If an allegation of
5	incompetence is supported by competent evidence as defined in Paragraph (h) of this Rule, and the
6	incompetence has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 30 consecutive days or until the individual's
7	death, the resources shall be excluded beginning with the date that such evidence indicates that he
8	or she became incompetent, except as provided in Paragraphs (f) or (g) of this Rule.
9	(f) The budget unit member's resources shall be counted in determining his or her eligibility for Medicaid beginning
10	the first day of the month following the month a guardian of the estate, general guardian, guardian or interim guardian
11	is appointed, provided that after the appointment, property that cannot be disposed of or used except by order of the
12	court shall continue to be excluded until completion of the applicable procedures for disposition specified in G.S. 1 or
13	G.S. 35A.
14	(g) When the court rules that the budget unit member is competent or no ruling is made because of the death or
15	recovery from incompetence of the member, his or her resources shall be counted except for periods of time for which
16	it can be established by competent evidence "competent evidence" specified defined in Paragraph (h) of this Rule,
17	that the member was in fact incompetent for at least 30 consecutive days, or until his or her death. Any such showing
18	of incompetence is subject to rebuttal by competent evidence as specified in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.
19	(h) For purposes of this Rule, competent evidence "competent evidence" is limited to defined as the written statement
20	or testimony at a competency hearing of a physician, psychologist, nurse, or social worker with knowledge of the
21	physical and mental condition of the individual, that contains information on the individual's condition, the basis of
22	that information, individual, the basis of that knowledge, the beginning date of incompetence, the reason the individual
23	is incompetent, and, and if no longer incompetent, when the individual recovered competence.
24	(i) The limitation of resources held for reserve for the budget unit shall be as follows:
25	(1) for Family and Children's related categorically and medically needy cases, three thousand dollars
26	(\$3,000.00) per budget unit;
27	(2) for aged, blind, and disabled cases, two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for a budget unit of one and
28	three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) for a budget unit of two.
29	(i)(j) If the value of countable resources of the budget unit exceeds the reserve allowance for the unit as set out in the
30	Medicaid State Plan, unit, the case shall be ineligible: ineligible unless one of the following is met:
31	(1) For Family and Children's <u>medically needy</u> related cases and aged, <u>blind</u> , <u>blind</u> or disabled cases
32	protected by grandfathered provisions, and medically needy cases not protected by grandfathered
33	provision, eligibility shall begin on the day countable resources are reduced to allowable limits or
34	excess income is spent down, whichever occurs later;

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For categorically needy aged, blind, blind or disabled cases not protected by grandfathered

provisions, eligibility shall begin no earlier than the month countable resources are reduced to

allowable limits as of 11:59pm on the first moment of the first last day of the previous month.

1 (i)(k) Resources counted in the determination of financial eligibility for categorically needy aged, blind, blind and 2 disabled cases, and Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries, Qualifying 3 Individual and Qualified Disabled Working Individual cases shall be based on resource standards and methodologies 4 in Title XVI of the Social Security Act except for the following methodologies: 5 The value of personal effects and household goods shall be not counted. (1) (2) 6 The value Value of tenancy in common interest in real property shall be not counted. 7 (3) The value Value of life estate interest in real property shall be not counted. 8 **(4)** The value Value of burial plots shall be not counted. 9 (5) The cash value of life insurance when the total face value of all cash value bearing life insurance 10 policies does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be not counted. 11 (k)(1) Resources counted in the determination of financial eligibility for medically needy aged, blind, blind and 12 disabled cases is shall be based on resource standards and methodologies in Title XVI of the Social Security Act 13 except for the following methodologies: 14 (1) The value of personal effects and household goods shall be not counted. 15 (2) The value Value of tenancy in common interest in real property shall be not counted. 16 (3) The value Value of life estate interest in real property is not counted. 17 **(4)** Individuals with resources in excess of the resource limit at 11:59pm on the last day of the previous 18 month, the first moment of the month may become eligible during the current month at the point 19 that resources are reduced to the allowable limit. 20 (5) The value Value of burial plots shall be not counted. 21 (6) The cash value of life insurance when the total face value of all cash value bearing life insurance 22 polities does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be not counted. 23 (m) Resources counted in the determination of financial eligibility for categorically needy Family and Children's related cases shall be: 24 25 (1)Cash on hand; 26 The balance of savings accounts, including savings of a student saving his earnings for school 27 expenses; 28 (3)The balance of checking accounts less the current monthly income that had been deposited to meet 29 the budget unit's monthly needs when reserve was verified; 30 (4)The portion of lump sum payments remaining after the month of receipt; Cash value of life insurance policies owned by the budget unit; 31 32 Stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, certificates of deposit and other liquid assets; Patient accounts in long term care facilities; 33 34 Equity in non-essential personal property limited to: (8)Mobile homes not used as home; 35 Boats, boat trailers and boat motors; 36

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Campers;

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1		(D) Farm and business equipment;
2		(E) Equity in vehicles in excess of one motor vehicle per adult;
3	(<u>l)(n)</u> Resource	s counted in the determination of financial eligibility for medically needy Family and Children's related
4	cases are:	
5	(1)	Cash on hand;
6	(2)	The balance of savings accounts, including savings of a student saving his or her earnings for school
7		expenses;
8	(3)	The balance of checking accounts, accounts less the current monthly income at this time, that had
9		been deposited to meet the budget unit's monthly needs when reserve was verified by the county
10		department of social services or lump sum income from self-employment deposited to pay annual
11		expenses;
12	(4)	The cash Cash value of life insurance policies when the total face value of all policies that accrue
13		cash value exceeds one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00);
14	(5)	Stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, certificates of deposit, deposit and other liquid assets;
15	(6)	Assets held in patient Patient accounts in long term care facilities;
16	(7)	Equity in non-essential, non-income producing personal property limited to:
17		(A) Mobile home not used as home, home;
18		(B) Boats, boat trailers and boat motors, <u>motors;</u>
19		(C) Campers, Campers;
20		(D) Farm and business equipment, equipment; and
21		(E) Equity in motor vehicles in excess of one vehicle per adult if not income-producing.
22	(m) Real prope	erty shall be excluded from countable resources for Family and Children's medically needy cases.
23	(n) One motor	vehicle per adult shall be excluded for Family and Children's medically needy cases.
24	(o) For medic	ally needy Family and Children's cases, income-producing vehicles and personal property shall be
25	excluded from	countable resources.
26	(p) For family	and children's medically needy cases, the value of non-excluded motor vehicles is the Current Market
27	Value as deterr	nined by the assessed county tax value, less encumbrances. If the client disagrees with the assigned
28	value, he or she	has the right to rebut the value by producing independent evidence of value.
29	(q) There is no	resource test for Family and Children's categorically needy cases pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 435.603.
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31	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 108A-55; 108A-58; 42 U.S.C. <u>703; 42 U.S.C. 704;</u> 703, 704
32		<u>42 U.S.C.</u> 1396; 42 C.F.R. 435.121; 42 C.F.R. 435.210; <u>42 C.F.R. 435.603</u> ; 4 2 C.F.R. 435.711; 42
33		C.F.R. 435.712; 42 C.F.R. 435.734; 42 C.F.R. 435.823; 42 C.F.R. 435.840; 42 C.F.R. 435.841; 42
34		<u>C.F.R. 435.843;</u> 42 C.F.R. <u>435.845;</u> 435 845; 42 C.F.R. 445.850; 42 C.F.R. 435.851; 45 C.F.R.
35		233.20; 4 5 C.F.R. 233.51; S.L. 2002-126;
36		Eff. September 1, 1984;

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1	Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 1985, for a period of 92 days to expire on December 1,
2	1985;
3	Amended Eff. January 1, 1995; November 1, 1994; September 1, 1993; March 1, 1993;
4	Temporary Amendment Eff. September 13, 1999;
5	Temporary Amendment Expired June 27, 2000;
6	Temporary Amendment Eff. September 12, 2000;
7	Amended Eff. March 19, 2001;
8	Temporary Amendment Eff. April 16, 2001;
9	Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;
10	Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 2003;
11	Amended Eff. August 1, 2004;
12	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0310 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
13	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0203

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a)(1)(F), it appears from the DES website that these payments in NC are called "Unemployment Insurance benefits"

In (a)(1)(P), line 23, and (Q), line 24, why is "benefits" capitalized?

In (a)(1)(U), is "M-AF" the term as defined in Rule 23A .0102?

In (a)(1)(X), line 34, why is "income" capitalized?

In (a)(1)(Z), what does this mean? Deemed by whom?

In (a)(2)(B), Page 2, line 2, why is "income" capitalized?

How is (a)(2)(E) different from (a)(2)(D)?

In (a)(2)(G), line 8, do you mean any state or NC? If you mean NC, please capitalize the term.

In (b), line 15, should "Family" and "Children's" be capitalized to be consistent with the rest of the Rule?

In (b)(5), line 26, do you mean any state or NC? If you mean NC, please capitalize the term.

In (b)(6), line 28, consider replacing "i.e." with "such as"

In (b)(17), lines 12-13, why are you saying, "For Family and Children's cases"? You already said this in (b), Page 2, line 15. Note the same query for (b)(18), line 14, "in Family and Children's cases"

In (b)(28), please either replace "Public Law" with "P.L." to be consistent with (b)(20 and (21), or replace "P.L." in those Subparagraphs with "Public Law" in order to be consistent.

In (b)(37), Page 4, line 8, and (d)(3), line 19, please bracket "67" and remove the underlining from it. Thus: "Article 6F[67] of the..."

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Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

In (d)(1), lines 12-13, there is no need to repeat the language "as defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102," as you already said this in (a)(1)(A).

In (e), what are "income levels" here? They are not the same as "income thresholds" that are reserved to the authority of the General Assembly in G.S. 108A-54(f), are they?

In (e)(1), line 25, please replace "nineteen" with "19" (See Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108(9))

In (e)(2), line 27, please hyphenate "long-term" to be consistent with the rest of the Rule.

In (e)(3), lines 32 and 33, do you have concerns regarding this language based upon Texas v. the US (340 F.Supp.3d 579), in which these portions of 42 USC 1396 were found unconstitutional as not severable?

In (f), what is your authority to state this? What is "income" here?

On line 35, I suggest replacing "is" with "shall be"

In the History Note on Page 5,42 USC 1383c(b) and 1383c(d), s well as PL 99-272 all apply to widowers' pensions. What part of this Rule addresses this?

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

1	10A NCAC 23E	.0203 is	readopted with changes as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2			
3	10A NCAC 23E	E .0203	COUNTABLE INCOME
4	(a) For <u>Family a</u>	and Chile	dren's family and children's medically needy cases, income from the following sources shall
5	be counted in the	e calcula	tion of financial eligibility:
6	(1)	Unearr	ned.
7		(A)	RSDI, as defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102;
8		(B)	Veteran's Administration, Administration;
9		(C)	Railroad Retirement, Retirement;
10		(D)	Pensions or retirement benefits, benefits;
11		(E)	Workmen's Worker's Compensation, Compensation;
12		(F)	Unemployment Compensation, Compensation;
13		(G)	All support payments, including child and spousal support; Support Payments,
14		(H)	Contributions, Contributions:
15		(I)	Dividends or interest from stocks, bonds, and other investments, investments;
16		(J)	Trust fund income; income;
17		(K)	Private disability or employment compensation, compensation;
18		(L)	That The portion of educational loans, grants, and scholarships for maintenance,
19			maintenance;
20		(M)	Work release; release;
21		(N)	Lump sum payments, payments;
22		(O)	Military allotments;
23		(P)	Brown Lung Benefits, Benefits;
24		(Q)	Black Lung Benefits, Benefits;
25		(R)	Trade Adjustment benefits, benefits;
26		(S)	SSI when the client is in long term care; long-term care;
27		(T)	VA Aid and Attendance when the client is in long term care; long-term care;
28		(U)	Foster Care Board payments in excess of State state maximum rates for M-AF clients who
29			serve as foster parents, <u>parents;</u>
30		(V)	Income allocated from an institutionalized spouse to the client who is the community
31			spouse as stated in 42 U.S.C. 1396r 5(d), <u>1396r-5(d)</u> ;
32		(W)	Income allowed from an institutionalized spouse to the client who is a dependent family
33			member as stated in 42 U.S.C. 1396r 5(d), <u>1396r-5(d);</u>
34		(X)	Sheltered Workshop Income; Income;
35		(Y)	Loans Loans, if repayment of a loan and not counted in reserve; reserve; and
36		(Z)	Income deemed to Family and Children's clients.
37	(2)	Earned	Income.

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1		(A) Income from wages, salaries, and commissions, commissions;		
2		(B) Farm Income; Income;		
3		(C) Small business income including self employment, self-employment;		
4		(D) Rental income; income;		
5		(E) Income from roomers and boarders, <u>boarders;</u>		
6		(F) Earned income of a child client who is a part-time student and a full-time employee,		
7		employee;		
8		(G) Supplemental payments in excess of state maximum rates for Foster Care Board payments		
9		paid by the county to Family and Children's clients who serve as foster parents; parents;		
10		<u>and</u>		
11		(H) VA Aid and Attendance paid to a budget unit member who provides the aid and attendance.		
12	(3)	Additional sources of income not listed in Subparagraphs (a)(1) or (2) of this Rule shall be		
13		considered available unless specifically excluded by Paragraph (b) of this Rule, or by <u>State or federal</u>		
14		regulation or statute.		
15	(b) For family	and children's medically needy cases, income from the following sources shall not be counted in the		
16	calculation of fi	nancial eligibility:		
17	(1)	Earned income of a child who is a part-time student but is not a full-time employee;		
18	(2)	Earned income of a child who is a full-time student;		
19	(3)	Incentive payments and training allowances made to Work Incentives Network (WIN) WIN training		
20		participants;		
21	(4)	Payments for supportive services or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to volunteers		
22		serving as VISTA volunteers, foster grandparents, senior health aides, senior companions, Service		
23		Corps of Retired Executives, Active Corps of Executives, Retired Senior Volunteer Programs,		
24		Action Cooperative Volunteer Program, University Year for Action Program, and other programs		
25		under Titles I, II, and III of Public Law 93-113;		
26	(5)	Foster Care Board payments equal to or below the state maximum rates for Family and Children's		
27		clients who serve as foster parents;		
28	(6)	Income that is unpredictable, i.e., unplanned and arising only from time to time. Examples include		
29		occasional yard work and sporadic babysitting;		
30	(7)	Relocation payments;		
31	(8)	Value of the coupon allotment under the <u>Food and Nutrition Program (FNS)</u> ; Food Stamp Program;		
32	(9)	Food (vegetables, dairy products, and meat) grown by or given to a member of the household. The		
33		amount received from the sale of home grown produce is earned income;		
34	(10)	Benefits received from the Nutrition Program for the Elderly;		
35	(11)	Food Assistance under the Child Nutrition Act and National School Lunch Act;		
36	(12)	Assistance provided in cash or in kind under any governmental, civic, or charitable organization		
37		whose purpose is to provide social services or vocational rehabilitation. This includes V.R.		

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1		incentive payments for training, education, education and allowance for dependents, grants for
2		tuition, chore services under Title XX of the Social Security Act, and VA aid and attendance or aid
3		to the home bound if the individual is in a private living arrangement;
4	(13)	Loans or grants such as the GI Bill, civic, honorary and fraternal club scholarships, loans, or
5		scholarships granted from private donations to the college, etc., except for any portion used or
6		designated for maintenance;
7	(14)	Loans, grants, or scholarships to undergraduates for educational purposes made or insured under
8		any program administered by the U.S. Department of Education;
9	(15)	Benefits received under Title VII of the Older Americans Act of 1965;
10	(16)	Payments received under the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, formerly known as the
11		Experimental Housing Allowance Program (EHAP);
12	(17)	In-kind shelter and utility contributions paid directly to the supplier. For Family and Children's
13		cases, shelter, utilities, or household furnishings made available to the client at no cost;
14	(18)	Food/clothing contributions in Family and Children's cases (except for food allowance for persons
15		temporarily absent in medical facilities up to 12 months);
16	(19)	Income of a child under 21 in the budget unit who is participating in the Job Training Partnership
17		Act JTPA and is receiving Medicaid as a child;
18	(20)	Housing Improvement Grants approved by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs or funds
19		distributed per capital or held in trust for Indian tribe members under P.L. 92-254, P.L. 93-134 or
20		P.L. 94-540;
21	(21)	Payments to Indian tribe members as permitted under P.L. 94-114;
22	(22)	Payments made by Medicare to a home renal dialysis patient as medical benefits;
23	(23)	SSI SSI, except for individuals in long term long-term care;
24	(24)	HUD Section 8 benefits when paid directly to the supplier or jointly to the supplier and client;
25	(25)	Benefits received by a client who is a representative payee for another individual who is incompetent
26		or incapable of handling his or her affairs. Such benefits must shall be accounted for by the county
27		department of social services separate from the payee's own income and resources;
28	(26)	Special one time payments such as energy, weatherization assistance, or disaster assistance that is
29		not designated as medical;
30	(27)	The value of the U.S. Department of Agriculture donated foods (surplus commodities);
31	(28)	Payments under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 92-203;
32	(29)	Any payment received under Title II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property
33		Acquisition Policies Act of 1970;
34	(30)	HUD Community Development Block Grant funds received to finance the renovation of a privately
35		owned residence;
36	(31)	Reimbursement for transportation expenses incurred as a result of participation in the Community
37		Work Experience Program or for use of client's own vehicle to obtain medical care or treatment;

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1	(32)	Adoption assistance;
2	(33)	Incentive payments made to a client participating in a vocational rehabilitation program;
3	(34)	Title XX funds received to pay for services rendered by another individual or agency;
4	(35)	Any amount received as a refund of taxes paid;
5	(36)	The first fifty-dollars (\$50) of each child support/spousal obligation or military allotment paid
6		monthly to the budget unit in a private living arrangement. arrangement; and
7	(37)	Income from an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program account, pursuant to Chapter
8		147, Article 6F 67 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
9	(c) For aged, bl	ind, and disabled cases, income counted in the determination of financial eligibility is shall be based
10	on standards and	d methodologies in Title XVI of the Social Security Act.
11	(d) For aged, bl	ind, and disabled cases, income from the following sources shall not be counted:
12	(1)	Any Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase or receipt of RSDI benefit, as defined in 10A
13		NCAC 23A .0102, benefit which that resulted in the loss of SSI for those qualified disabled and
14		working individuals described at 42 U.S.C. 1396d(s); individuals described in 10A NCAC 23D
15		.0101(17).
16	(2)	Earnings for those individuals who have a plan for achieving self-support (PASS) that is approved
17		by the Social Security Administration; and Administration.
18	(3)	Income from an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program account, pursuant to Chapter
19		147, Article 6F 67 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
20	(e) Income leve	els for purposes of establishing eligibility are those amounts approved by the N.C. General Assembly
21	and stated in th	e Appropriations Act for categorically needy and medically needy classifications, except for the
22	following:	
23	(1)	The income level shall be reduced by one-third when an aged, blind, blind or disabled individual
24		lives in the household of another person and does not pay his or her proportionate share of household
25		expenses. The one-third reduction shall not apply to children under nineteen years of age who live
26		in the home of their parents;
27	(2)	An individual living in a long term care facility or other medical institution shall be allowed as
28		income level deduction for personal needs described under the Medicaid State Plan; Rule .0204
29		(Personal Needs Allowance) of this Section; and
30	(3)	The categorically needy income level for an aged, blind, and disabled individual or couple is 100%
31		of the Federal Poverty Level;
32	<u>(3)(4)</u>	The income level to be applied for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries described in 42 U.S.C. 1396d
33		and individuals described in 42 U.S.C. 1396e is based on the income level for one; or two for a
34		married couple who live together and both receive Medicare.
35	(f) Income for I	Family and Children's categorically needy cases is determined pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 435.603.
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1	History Note:	Filed as a Temporary Rule Effective July 1, 1987, for a period of 120 days to expire on October 31,
2		1987;
3		Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 108A-61; 42 C.F.R. 435.135; 42 C.F.R. 435.603;
4		4 2 C.F.R 435.731; 42 C.F.R. 435.732; 42 C.F.R. 435.733; 42 C.F.R. 435.811; 4 2 C.F.R. 435 812;
5		42 C.F.R. 435.831; 42 C.F.R. 435.832; 42 C.F. <u>R.</u> 435.1007; 45 C.F.R. 233.20; 42 U.S.C 1383c(b);
6		42 U.S.C 1383c(d); P.L. <u>99-272, 99-272;</u> Section 12202; Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order filed
7		February 14, 1992;
8		Eff. September 1, 1984;
9		Amended Eff. January 1, 1996; January 1, 1995; September 1, 1994; September 1, 1993;
10		Temporary Amendment Eff. February 23, 1999;
11		Amended Eff. August 1, 2000;
12		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0312 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
13		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.

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1	10A NCAC 231	E .0204 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0204 PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 42 C.F.R. 435.135; 42 C.F.R. 435.731; 42 C.F.R. 435.732; 42 C.F.R.
6		435.733; 42 C.F.R. 435.831; 42 U.S.C. 1383c(b); 42 U.S.C. 1383c(d);
7		Eff. September 1, 1994;
8		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0313 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
9		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0205

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

On line 4, I take it "budget unit" is the term as defined in Rule 23A .0102?

On line 5, if by "state" you mean NC, please capitalize the term.

On line 6, I suggest replacing "is" with "shall be"

On line 7, delete "adopted and" and replace "changes or amendments" with "amendments or editions"

1	10A NCAC 231	E .0205 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:		
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3	10A NCAC 231	E .0205 BUDGET UNIT MEMBERSHIP		
4	In aged, blind,	and disabled cases and medically needy cases, the budget unit shall include individuals Individuals		
5	who are require	ed by federal and state law to be financially responsible for the support of each other or other		
6	dependents. dependents shall be included in the budget unit. In all other categorically needy cases, the budget unit is			
7	determined pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 435.603, which is adopted and incorporated by reference with subsequent changes			
8	or amendments	and available free of charge at https://www.ecfr.gov/.		
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10	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 108A-80; 42 C.F.R. 435.602; 42 C.F.R. 435.603; 45 C.F.R.		
11		233.51;		
12		Eff. September 1, 1984;		
13		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;		
14		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0401 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.		
15		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.		
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1	10A NCAC 23	E .0206 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0206 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DEEMING
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 143-127.1; S.L. 1983, c. 761, s. 60(6); S.L. 1983, c. 1034; S.L. 1983, c
6		1116; 42 C.F.R. 435.602; 42 C.F.R. 435.712; 42 C.F.R. 435.734; 42 C.F.R. 435.821; 42 C.F.R
7		435.823;
8		Eff. September 1, 1984;
9		Temporary Amendment Eff. April 1, 1990 for a period of 180 days to expire on September 30, 1990
10		Amended Eff. January 1, 1995; September 1, 1992; October 1, 1990; August 1, 1990;
11		Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2003;
12		Temporary Amendment Expired October 12, 2003;
13		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0402 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
14		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0207

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 5, what is "countable reserve"? Does your regulated public know?

Please insert an "and" or "or" at the end of (b)(2). Alternatively, end (b)(1) and (2) with periods.

In (c), line 22, what is a "legally binding order" here? Is this as opposed to a non-legally binding order?

On line 23, insert "Paragraphs" before "(a) and (b)"

In (d), line 25, as you do not have authority to set resource limits and you deleted that from Rule .0202, please delete it here.

In (f)(1), lines 15-16, you are treating personal, non-marital property as a resource? What specific authority are you relying upon to do this?

In (g), Page 2, line 23, please replace "are" with "shall be"

In (g)(1), line 26, cannot be located by whom?

In the History Note, line 33, 42 CFR 435.724 is reserved. Do you mean 725?

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amanda J. Reeder
Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

1	10A NCAC 23	E .0207 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:		
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0207 WHOSE RESOURCES ARE COUNTED RESERVE		
4	(a) The value of	of resources held by the client or by a financially responsible person shall be considered by the county		
5	department of s	ocial services to be available to the client in determining countable reserve for the budget unit.		
6	(b) Jointly own	ned resources shall be counted as follows:		
7	(1)	The value of resources owned jointly with a person who is not a member of the client's budget unit		
8		non financially responsible person who is a recipient of another public assistance budget unit shall		
9		be divided in parts of equal value equally between the budget units;		
10	(2)	The value of liquid assets and personal property owned jointly with a person who is not a member		
11		of the client's budget unit non financially responsible person who is also not a client of another		
12		public assistance budget unit shall be available to the <u>client</u> budget unit member if he <u>or she</u> can		
13		dispose of the resource without the consent and participation of the joint-owner or the joint-owner		
14		other owner or the other owner consents to and, if necessary, participates in the disposal of the		
15		resource;		
16	(3)	The client's share of the value of real property owned jointly with a person who is not a member of		
17		the client's budget unit non-financially responsible person who is also not a member of another		
18	public assistance budget unit shall be available to the <u>client</u> budget unit member if he			
19		dispose of his or her share of the resource without the consent and participation of the joint-owner		
20		or the joint-owner other owner or the other owner consents to and, if necessary, participates in the		
21		disposal of the resource.		
22	(c) The terms	of a separation agreement, divorce decree, will, deed or other legally binding agreement or legally		
23	binding order sl	nall take precedence over ownership of resources as stated in (a) and (b) of this Rule, except as provided		
24	in Paragraph (k	(g) of this Rule.		
25	(d) For all aged	, blind, and disabled cases, the resource limit, financial responsibility, and countable and non-countable		
26	assets are shall	be based on standards and methodology in Title XVI of the Social Security Act except as specified in		
27	Items (4) and (5	5) in Rule .0202 of this Section.		
28	(e) Countable 1	resources for Family and Children's <u>medically needy</u> related cases shall be determined as follows:		
29	(1)	The resources of a spouse, who is not a stepparent, shall be counted in the budget unit's reserve		
30		allowance if: if		
31		(A) the spouses live together; together or		
32		(B) one spouse is temporarily absent for twelve months or less in long-term long term care and		
33		the spouse is not a member of another public assistance budget unit;		
34	(2)	The resources of a client and a financially responsible parent or parents shall be counted in the		
35		budget unit's reserve limit <u>if:</u> if		
36		(A) the parents live together; together or		

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1		(B) one parent is temporarily absent for twelve months or less in long-term long term care and			
2		the parent is not a member of another public assistance budget unit;			
3	(3) The resources of the parent or parents shall not be considered if a child under age 21 requires				
4		and treatment in a medical institution and his or her physician certifies that the care and treatment			
5		are expected to exceed 12 months.			
6	(f) Real proper	ty shall be excluded from countable resources for Family and Children's related cases.			
7	(g) One motor	vehicle per adult shall be excluded for Family and Children's related cases.			
8	(h) For medica	lly needy family and children's related cases, income producing vehicles and personal property shall			
9	be excluded fro	m countable resources.			
10	(i) For family a	and children's related cases the value of non-excluded motor vehicles is the Current Market Value, less			
11	encumbrances.	If the applicant/recipient disagrees with the assigned value, he has the right to rebut the value.			
12	(f)(j) For a man	ried individual:			
13	(1)	Resources available to the individual are available to his or her spouse who is a noninstitutionalized			
14		applicant or recipient and who is either living with the individual or temporarily absent for twelve			
15		months or less from the home, irrespective of the terms of any will, deed, contract, antenuptial			
16		agreement, or other agreement, and irrespective of whether or not the individual actually contributed			
17		the resources to the applicant or recipient. All resources available to an applicant or recipient under			
18		the rules of this Section must be considered by the county department of social services when			
19		determining his or her countable reserve.			
20	(2)	For an institutionalized spouse as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(h), available resources shall be			
21		determined in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(c), except as specified in Paragraph (g) (m) of			
22		this Rule.			
23	<u>(g)(k)</u> For an in	nstitutionalized individual, the availability of resources are determined in accordance with 42 U.S.C.			
24	1396r-5. Resou	rces of the community spouse are shall not be counted for the institutionalized spouse when:			
25	(1)	Resources of the community spouse cannot be determined or cannot be made available to the			
26		institutionalized spouse because the community spouse cannot be located; or			
27	(2)	The couple has been continuously separated for 12 months at the time the institutionalized spouse			
28		enters the institution.			
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30	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 108A-55; <u>S.L. 1983, c. 1116;</u> 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5; 42 U.S.C.			
31		1396a(a)(17); 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(51); 42 C.F.R. 435.602; 42 C.F.R. 435.711; 42 C.F.R. 435.712;			
32		42 C.F.R. 435.723; 42 C.F.R. 435.734; 42 C.F.R. 435.821; 42 C.F.R. 435.822; 42 C.F.R. 435.823;			
33		42 C.F.R. 435.724; 42 C.F.R. 435.726; 42 C.F.R. 435.733; 42 C.F.R. 435.735; 42 C.F.R. 435.840;			
34		42 C.F.R. 435.832; 42 C.F.R. 435.845; 45 C.F.R. 233.20; 45 C.F.R. 233.51; Deficit Reduction Act			
35		of 1984 (P.L. 98 369), Section 2373; Correll v. DSS/DMA/DHR, 418 S.E.2d 232 (1992): No.			
36		406PA91 (North Carolina Supreme Court); Schweiker v. Gray Panthers, 453 U.S. 34, 101 S.Ct.			
37		2633, 69 L. Ed.2d 460 (1981);			

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1	Eff. September 1, 1984;
2	Amended Eff. January 1, 1995; November 1, 1994; September 1, 1993; April 1, 1993;
3	Temporary Amendment Eff. September 13, 1999;
4	Temporary Amendment Expired June 27, 2000;
5	Temporary Amendment Eff. September 12, 2000;
6	Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;
7	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0403 Eff. May 1, 2012; 2012.
8	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 4, an (b), line 6, what do you mean by "actually" available? Available for immediate use?

In (b), line 6, what will this prediction be based upon?

So that I'm clear - (c) and (d) are not setting income thresholds, but instead, deductions from income?

In (d), line 11, consider replacing "are" with "shall be"

1 10A NCAC 23E .0208 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows: 2 3 **CALCULATING INCOME** 10A NCAC 23E .0208 4 (a) Income that is actually available and that which the client or someone acting in his or her behalf has the legal 5 authority to can legally make available for support and maintenance shall be counted as income. 6 (b) Only income actually available or predicted by the county department of social services to be available to the 7 budget unit for the certification period, as defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102, period for which eligibility is being 8 determined shall be counted as income. 9 (c) For aged, blind, and disabled cases allowable disregards from income are shall be based on Title XVI of the Social 10 Security Act. 11 (d) Deductions subtracted after <u>allowable</u> disregards are: 12 Incapacitated adult care not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per adult for (1) 13 Family and Children's medically needy cases. 14 Child or incapacitated adult care not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per <u>(2)</u> 15 child over two years of age or adult or two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per child under two years of 16 age for Family and Children's medically needy related cases. 17 A standard deduction of ninety dollars (\$90.00) from the total earned income of each budget unit <u>(3)(2)</u> 18 member for Family and Children's medically needy related cases. 19 For aged, blind, and disabled cases allowable deductions from income are based on Title XVI of the <u>(4)(3)</u> 20 Social Security Act. 21 (e) Except for M-PW, as defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102, M-PW the monthly amount of wages, income, and 22 deductions wage deductions and work related expenses shall be calculated by converting the average amount received 23 by frequency per pay period into a monthly amount as follows: amount: 24 If <u>received</u> paid weekly, multiply by 4.3. (1) 25 (2) If <u>received</u> paid bi-weekly, multiply by 2.15. 26 (3) If <u>received</u> paid semi-monthly, multiply by 2. 27 (4) If <u>received</u> paid monthly, use the monthly gross. 28 (5) If salaried, and contract renewed annually, divide annual income etc. by 12. 29 (f) For M-PW cases, the budget unit's actual income for the calendar month of eligibility shall be verified by the 30 county department of social services. verified. 31 32 History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 108.54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 435.121; 42 C.F.R. 435.401; 42 C.F.R. 435.603; 42 C.F.R. 435.731; 42 C.F.R. 435.732; 42 C.F.R. 435.734; 42 C.F.R. 435.812; 42 C.F.R. 33 34 435.831; 45 C.F.R. 435.845; 45 C.F.R. 435.851; 45 C.F.R. 233.20; 45 C.F.R. 233.51;

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Eff. September 1, 1984;

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2	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0404 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012
3	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a)(3)(C), line 12, what is "documented prior approval"? Does your regulated public know?

In (a)(3)(D), line 14, what is "newly-certified"?

In (b), line 22, should this read "county <u>department of social services</u>" to be consistent with the rest of the Rule?

In (d)(1), line 33, what is "entirely"?

Also on line 33, do you mean any state or NC? If it's the latter, please capitalize the term.

In (d)(2), line 35, replace "such" with "the"

In (d)(3), line 36, what are "certified cases"?

In (e), Page 2, line 2, why is "Medical" capitalized here?

In (e)(1)(B), line 9, replace "Subparagraph" with "Part"

In (f)1), line 18, delete the "and" at the end of the line.

I	10A NCAC 231	£ .0209 19	s readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 231	E .0209	DEDUCTIBLE
4	(a) A Deductib	le <u>deduct</u>	ible shall apply to a client in the following arrangements:
5	(1)	In the	community, in private living quarters in the community; quarters; or
6	(2)	In a re	sidential group facility; or
7	(3)	In a <u>lo</u>	ng-term long term care living arrangement when the client:
8		(A)	Has enough income monthly to pay the Medicaid reimbursement rate for 31 days, but does
9			not have enough income to pay the private rate plus all other anticipated medical costs; or
10		(B)	Is under a sanction due to a transfer of resources as specified in the Medicaid State Plan;
11			10A NCAC 21B .0311; or
12		(C)	Does not yet have documented prior approval for Medicaid payment of nursing home care;
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14		(D)	Resided in a <u>newly-certified</u> newly certified facility in the facility's month of certification;
15			OT
16		(E)	Chooses to remain in a decertified facility beyond the last date of Medicaid payment; or
17		(F)	Is under a Veterans Administration (VA) contract for payment of cost of care in the nursing
18			home.
19	(b) The client	or his	or her representative shall be responsible for providing bills, receipts, insurance benefit
20	statements, state	ements o	r Medicare EOBs EOB to establish incurred medical expenses and his or her responsibility
21	for payment. If	the clie	nt has no representative and he or she is physically or mentally incapable of accepting this
22	responsibility, t	he county	y shall assist him or her in obtaining verification. him.
23	(c) Expenses sh	all be ap	plied to the deductible when they meet the following criteria:
24	(1)	They 7	The expenses are for medical care or service recognized under State state or federal tax law;
25	(2)	They 7	The are incurred by a budget unit member; and
26	(3)	They a	are incurred:
27		(A)	During the certification period for which eligibility is being determined and the
28			requirements of Paragraph (d) of this Rule are met; or
29		(B)	Prior to the certification period and the requirements of Paragraph (e) of this Rule are met.
30	(d) Medical exp	enses in	curred during the certification period shall be applied to the deductible if the requirements in
31	Paragraph (c) of	f this Rul	e are met and:
32	(1)	The ex	penses are not subject to payment by any third party including insurance, government agency
33		or <u>pro</u> g	gram, program except when such the program is entirely funded by state or local government
34		funds,	or private source; or
35	(2)	The pr	ivate insurance has not paid such expenses by the end of the application time standard; or
36	(3)	For cer	rtified cases, the insurance has not paid by the time that incurred expenses equal the deductible
37		amoun	t; or

1	(4)	The third party has paid and the client is responsible for a portion of the charges.			
2	(e) The unpaid b	paid balance of a Medical expense incurred prior to the certification period shall be applied to the deductible			
3	if the requireme	nts in Pa	ragraph (c)	of this Rule are met and:	
4	(1)	The me	edical expe	nse was:	
5		(A)	(A) Incurred within 24 months immediately prior to:		
6			(i)	The month of application for prospective or retroactive certification period or	
7				both; or	
8			(ii)	The first month of any subsequent certification period; or	
9		(B)	Incurred	prior to the period described in Subparagraph (e)(1)(A) of this Rule, Rule; and a	
10			payment	was made on the bill during that period; and	
11	(2)	The me	edical expe	nse:	
12		(A)	Is a curre	ent liability;	
13		(B)	Has not b	peen applied to a previously met deductible; and	
14		(C)	Insurance	e has paid any amount of the expense covered by the insurance.	
15	(f) The county	department of social services shall apply incurred Incurred medical expenses shall be applied to the			
16	deductible in chronological order of charges except that:				
17	(1)	If medi	cal expense	es for Medicaid covered services and non-covered services occur on the same date,	
18		apply o	harges for	non-covered services first; and	
19	(2)	If both	hospital as	nd other covered medical services are incurred on the same date, apply hospital	
20		charges first; and			
21	(3)	If a poi	tion of cha	arges is still owed after insurance payment has been made for lump sum charges,	
22		compu	te incurred	daily expense to be applied to the deductible as follows:	
23		(A)	Determin	ne the average daily charge, calculated by adding the charges and dividing by the	
24			number o	of days, charge excluding discharge date from hospitals; and	
25		(B)	Determin	ne the average daily insurance payment, calculated by adding the insurance	
26			payments	s and dividing by the number of days, payment for the same number of days; and	
27		(C)	Subtract	average daily insurance payment from the average daily charge to establish client's	
28			daily resp	ponsibility.	
29	(g) Eligibility sl	hall begir	on the day	that incurred medical expenses reduce the deductible to \$0, except that the client	
30	is financially lia	able for t	he portion	of medical expenses incurred on the first day of eligibility that were applied to	
31	reduce the dedu	ctible to	\$0. If hosp	oital charges were incurred on the first day of eligibility, notice of the amount of	
32	those charges applied to meet the deductible shall be sent to the hospital for deduction on the hospital's bill to Medicaid.				
33	(h) The receipt	of proof	of medical	expenses and other verification shall be documented by the county department of	
34	social services in the case record.				
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1	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B</u> ; <u>42 C.F.R. 435.732</u> ; 42 C.F.R. 435.831; Alexander v.
2		Flaherty, U.S.D.C., W.D.N.C., File Number C-C-74-483; Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order filed
3		February 14, 1992;
4		Eff. September 1, 1984;
5		Amended Eff. June 1, 1994; September 1, 1993; April 1, 1993; August 1, 1990;
6		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0406 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
7		Readonted Eff. May 1, 2019.

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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0210

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (e)(1), line 33, insert the "and" after "month;" So, retain the existing "month;" and just insert an "and" after it; thus: "... month; and"

In (f)(1)(B), line 4, please make "federal" lowercase to be consistent with other rules in this Subchapter.

1	10A NCAC 23	E .0210 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0210 PATIENT LIABILITY
4	(a) Patient liab	ility shall apply to clients who live in facilities for skilled nursing, intermediate nursing, intermediate
5	care facility for	individuals with an intellectual disability, nursing for mental retardation or other medical institutions.
6	(b) The client's	s patient liability for cost of care shall be computed as a monthly amount after deducting the following
7	from his or her	total income:
8	(1)	An amount for his or her personal needs as established under the Medicaid State Plan; Rule .0204
9		of this Section;
10	(2)	Income given to the community spouse to provide him or her a total monthly income from all
11		sources, equal to the "minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance" as defined in 42 U.S.C.
12		1396r-5(d)(3)(A); 1396r-5(d)(3)(A)(i);
13	(3)	Income given to family members described in 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)(1), to provide each, from all
14		sources of income, a total monthly income equal to:
15		(A) One-third of the amount established under 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)(3)(A)(i); or
16		(B) Where there is no community spouse, an amount for the number of dependents, based on
17		the income level for the corresponding budget unit number, as approved by the NC General
18		Assembly and stated in the Appropriations Act for categorically and medically needy
19		classifications;
20	(4)	The income maintenance level provided by 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)(3)(A)(i) or State statute for a
21		single individual in a private living arrangement with no spouse or dependents at home, for whom
22		the physician of record has provided a written statement that the required treatment is such that the
23		patient is expected to return home within six months, shall be allowed by the county department of
24		social services; allowed; and
25	(5)	An amount for unmet medical needs as determined under Paragraph (f) of this Rule.
26	(c) Patient liab	ility shall apply to institutional charges incurred from the date of admission or the first day of the month
27	as appropriate	and shall not be prorated by days if the client lives in more than one institution during the month.
28	(d) The county	department of social services shall notify the client, the institution, the institution and the State state
29	of the amount of	of the monthly liability and any changes or adjustments.
30	(e) When the p	atient liability as calculated in Paragraph (b) of this Rule exceeds the Medicaid reimbursement rate for
31	the institution f	For a 31-day 31 day month:
32	(1)	The patient liability shall be the institution's Medicaid reimbursement rate for a 31-day 31 day month
33		and; month;
34	(2)	The client shall be placed on a deductible determined in accordance with Federal regulations,
35		regulations and Rules .0208 and .0209 of this Section, and the Medicaid State Plan. 10A
36		NCAC 23G .0101.
37	(f) The amoun	t deducted from income for unmet medical needs shall be determined as follows:

1	(1)	Unmet medical needs shall be the costs of:
2		(A) Medical care covered by the program but that exceeds limits on coverage of that care and
3		that is not subject to payment by a third party;
4		(B) Medical care recognized under State and Federal tax law that is not covered by the program
5		and that is not subject to payment by a third party; and
6		(C) Medicare and other health insurance premiums, deductibles, or coinsurance charges that
7		are not subject to payment by a third party.
8	(2)	The amount of unmet medical needs deducted from the patient's monthly income shall be limited to
9		monthly charges for Medicare and other health insurance premiums.
10	(3)	The actual amount of incurred costs which that are the patient's responsibility shall be deducted
11		when reported from the patient's liability for one or more months.
12	(4)	Incurred costs shall be reported by the end of the six-month six month Medicaid certification period
13		following the certification period in which they were incurred.
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15	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 435.732; 42 C.F.R. 435.733; 42 C.F.R. 435.831;
16		42 C.F.R. 435.832; 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5;
17		Eff. September 1, 1984;
18		Amended Eff. September 1, 1994; March 1, 1991; August 1, 1990; March 1, 1990;
19		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0407 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
20		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23E .0211

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (c), line 12, delete "adopted and"

On line 13, state "subsequent amendments and editions"

In (d), line 18, replace "is" with "shall be" to be consistent with the rest of the Rule.

In (f), line 23, it appears that 23A .0102 only defines "verification" So, I suggest you state "Verification, as defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102, by a third party shall be required for:"

And what is a "third party"? Is this entirely up to the county dss?

In the History Note, you do not cite to 108A-25(b), which allows delegation to the county dss, in other rules. Do you want to add it to those rules?

And why are you citing to G.S. 108A-55?

1	10A NCAC 23I	E .0211 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	E .0211 ALIEN SPONSOR DEEMING
4	(a) For purpos	es of this Rule, a "sponsored alien" sponsored alien is means an alien who is lawfully admitted for
5	permanent resid	lence sponsored by an individual who has signed an Affidavit of Support required by U.S. Citizenship
6	and Immigratio	n Services. the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
7	(b) For purpose	es of this Rule, a "sponsor" sponsor is means a person who signed an Affidavit of Support on behalf
8	of an alien as a	condition of the alien's entry or admission to the United States. The sponsor is financially responsible
9	for the alien alien	en, so and the sponsor's income shall must be counted by the county department of social services in
10	determining an	alien's eligibility for medical assistance.
11	(c) An indigent	talien is shall be exempt from Paragraph (b) of this Rule if the sum of Subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3)
12	of this Paragrap	h does not exceed 130 percent of the poverty income guidelines, which are adopted and incorporated
13	by reference wi	ith subsequent changes or amendments and available free of charge at https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-
14	guidelines. guid	lelines.
15	(1)	The sum of the sponsored alien's own income;
16	(2)	The cash contributions of the sponsor and others; and
17	(3)	The value of any in-kind assistance the sponsor and others provide the alien.
18	(d) The countable income of a sponsor is determined in accordance with Rules .0203 and .0208 of this Section and	
19	the Medicaid State Plan. Section. Rule .0206 of this Section applies for situations in which the sponsor is the spouson	
20	or a parent.	
21	(e) The countable resources of a sponsor are shall be determined in accordance with Rules .0202 10A NCAC 21E	
22	.0311 and Rule	.0207 of this Section.
23	(f) Third party	verification, as defined by 10A NCAC 23A .0102, verification of the following is required for:
24	(1)	sponsorship;
25	(2)	a sponsor's income; and
26	(3)	a sponsor's resources.
27	The application	shall be denied if verification is not received by the processing deadline set out in 42 C.F.R. 435.912.
28	deadline.	
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30	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 108A-55; P.L. <u>104-208, Title II;</u> 104-208; P.L.
31		<u>105-33, Title IV;</u> 105-33;
32		Temporary Adoption Eff. July 3, 2003;
33		Eff. March 1, 2004;
34		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0410 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
35		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 23G .0101 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	SUBCHAPTER 23G – MEDICAID CERTIFICATION, CORRECTION OF ELIGIBILITY ANI
4	REDETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
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6	SECTION .0100 – MEDICAID CERTIFICATION
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8	10A NCAC 23G .0101 CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION
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10	History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.112; 42 C.F.R. 435.914;
11	Eff. September 1, 1984;
12	Amended Eff. March 1, 1993; August 1, 1990;
13	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0405 Eff. May 1, 2012; 2012.
14	Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 8, delete "adopted and"

On lines 8-9, state "subsequent amendments and editions"

1	10A NCAC 230	3.0201 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0200 – CORRECTION OF ERRONEOUS ELIGIBILITY
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5	10A NCAC 230	G .0201 GENERAL
6	(a) The county	department of social services shall correct prior actions according to Rules .0202 and .0203 in this
7	Section when the	ne county department of social services discovers it is discovered that prior actions were eligibility
8	errors, as define	ed by 42 CFR 431.804, which is adopted and incorporated by reference with subsequent changes or
9	amendments an	d available free of charge at https://www.ecfr.gov/, in error, or the recipient's circumstances have
10	changed from th	ne last eligibility determination. ehanged.
11	(b) Information	n leading to corrections may be reported by the recipient, medical providers, State state agencies, or
12	any other source	e with knowledge about the recipient's circumstances that impact eligibility. circumstances.
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14	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 431.246; 42 C.F.R. 435.916;
15		Eff. September 1, 1984;
16		Amended Eff. June 1, 1990;
17		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0601 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
18		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23G .0202

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a)(4), line 12, what is an "authorized period"? Is it the same as the "authorization period" defined in Rule 23A .0102? If so, should the term be the same?

In (a)(6), line 16, I take it "agency" is as defined in Rule 23A .0102?

In (a)(6)(A), lines 17 through 19, you already incorporated this CFR in Rule .0102. You do not need to do so again. Delete the "which is adopted... www.efr.gov/," language altogether.

In (a)(7), line 26, isn't "a person was discouraged from applying for assistance" already addressed in (a)(1)? Do you need to restate it here?

In (a)(8), line 29, state "federal regulations or State rules" But since you say on line 30 "requirements in this Chapter" what other rules are you referring to?

In (b)(1), line 34, what is a "Buy-In effective date" and why is the term capitalized?

On line 36, what is a "valid claim"?

1	10A NCAC 23	G .0202 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	G .0202 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
4	(a) Corrections	s in an applicant's or recipient's case shall be made by the county department of social services when:
5	(1)	An individual was discouraged from filing an application, as described in 10A NCAC 23C .0101;
6		application; or
7	(2)	An appeal or court decision overturns an earlier adverse decision; or
8	(3)	The certification periods of financially responsible persons need to be adjusted to coincide with the
9		individual's certification period; coincide; or
10	(4)	Information received from any source is verified undergoes verification, as defined in 10A NCAC
11		23A .0102, by the county department of social services and is found to change the amount of the
12		recipient's deductible, patient liability, authorized period, period or otherwise affect the recipient's
13		eligibility status; or
14	(5)	Additional medical bills or verified medical expenses that are verified by the county department of
15		social services establish an earlier Medicaid effective date; or
16	(6)	The agency made an administrative error including: due to:
17		(A) An eligibility error, as defined by 42 CFR 431.804, which is adopted and incorporated by
18		reference with subsequent changes or amendments and available free of charge at
19		https://www.ecfr.gov/, that resulted in assistance being incorrectly Assistance was
20		terminated or denied; denied in error; or
21		(B) Failure to act properly on information received; or
22		(C) Incorrect determination of the authorization period, Medicaid effective date, or erroneous
23		data entry; or
24	(7)	Monitoring of under application processing processing by the Division of Health Benefits
25		(Division), as required by 42 C.F.R. 431, Subpart P, requirements determines shows an application
26		was denied, withdrawn, withdrawn or a person was discouraged from applying for assistance; or
27		assistance without following the requirements in Alexander v. Burton U.S.D.C., File No. C C 74-
28		183 M, Consent Order dismissed effective February 1, 2002.
29	(8)	The <u>Division</u> Medicaid Eligibility Section determines the county failed to follow federal or state
30		regulations to authorize eligibility or follow requirements in this Chapter.
31	(b) Corrections	s in an applicant's or recipient's case shall be made by the Division of Medical Assistance-when:
32	(1)	Information is received from county departments of social services, medical providers, the public,
33		clients, or Division of Medical Assistance staff showing that a terminated case has errors in the
34		Medicaid eligibility segments, Medicare Buy-In effective date, eligible household ease members,
35		Community Alternatives Program (CAP) CAP or HMO indicators and effective dates, dates or other
36		data that is causing valid claims to be denied; or
37	(2)	The county department of social services <u>fails</u> refuses to take required corrective actions; or

1	(3)	An audit report from State auditors or the Division hired by the county departments of social services
2		shows verified errors in the Medicaid eligibility history. history or recipient identification number.
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4	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 431.246; 42 C.F.R. 431, Subpart P; 42 C.F.R.
5		435.903; 435.904; Alexander v. Bruton, U.S.D.C., File No. C C 74 183 M, Consent Order
6		dismissed effective February 1, 2002;
7		Eff. June 1, 1990;
8		Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 2003;
9		Amended Eff. August 1, 2004;
10		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0602 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
11		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23G .0203

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 4, do you need to spell out "Division of Health Benefits (Division)" when you already did this in Rule .0202? Couldn't you state "Division" instead?

In (b), line 7, put "good cause" in quotation marks.

End (b)(3), line 12, with a period, not a semicolon.

In (c), are there times that (c)(1) through (3) will conflict with each other, such that this Rule spells out which one controls?

So that I'm clear – is (c)(2) saying no more than one year prior the mistake?

1	10A NCAC 230	G .0203 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	G .0203 TIME LIMITS FOR CORRECTIONS
4	(a) The county	department of social services and Division of Health Benefits (Division) Medical Assistance shall
5	make correction	ns required by Rule .0202 of this Section within 30 days after discovery of the need for action unless
6	good cause exis	sts to extend the time limit. for failure to act timely.
7	(b) For the pur	poses of this Rule, good Good cause is limited to:
8	(1)	The need of the county department of social services to obtain verification, as defined at 10A NCAC
9		23A .0102, of verify other conditions of eligibility before authorizing eligibility; or
10	(2)	The county department of social services is unable to locate the applicant or recipient; or
11	(3)	The county department of social services disagrees with a decision requiring corrective action and
12		requests has requested administrative review by the Medicaid Eligibility the Division; Section;
13	(c) To receive	State state and federal financial participation in any benefits authorized retroactively by corrective
14	actions, the effe	ective date of the correction must correspond with the date assistance would have been effective but
15	may be no earli	er than the following dates:
16	(1)	Retroactive to the date ordered by the appeal or court decision if all eligibility conditions are met,
17		including any legal retroactive coverage period associated with the adverse action; or
18	(2)	Retroactive to the date that all requirements of eligibility are met but no earlier than the 12th month
19		immediately preceding the month the change is reported or the administrative error was discovered;
20		or
21	(3)	Retroactive to the date required for corrective action due to errors cited from monitoring under
22		application processing standards in 10A NCAC 23C .0202.
23	(d) If the chang	ge is adverse to the recipient, it shall be effective with the first calendar month following expiration of
24	the 10 work <u>bus</u>	siness day advance notice period, as defined in 10A NCAC 23A .0102. period.
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26	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 431.246; 42 C.F.R. 431.250; 42 C.F.R. 435.903;
27		435.904; Alexander v. Bruton, U.S.D.C., File No. C C 74 183 M, Consent Order dismissed effective
28		February 1, 2002;
29		Eff. June 1, 1990;
30		Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 2003;
31		Amended Eff. August 1, 2004;
32		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0603 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
33		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 4, do you need to spell out "Division of Health Benefits (Division)" when you already did this in Rule .0202? Couldn't you state "Division" instead?

In (a)(2), line 12, what is the "State computer center"? Does your regulated public know?

In (b)(1), line 17, by "regulations" do you mean only federal regulations?

In (c), this recites G.S. 108A-25.1A(c). Do you need to retain it here?

1	TUA NCAC 23C	3.0204 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCK 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 230	G .0204 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ERRORS
4	(a) The Division	n of <u>Health Benefits (Division)</u> Medical Assistance shall be financially responsible for costs resulting
5	from the errone	ous issuance of benefits and Medicaid claims payments when:
6	(1)	Policy guidance interpretations given by the Division of Medical Assistance or its agents is are
7		erroneous and the Division determines that is the sole cause of any erroneous benefits or payments
8		OT
9	(2)	Information Services operations staff fail to manually remove Medicaid ID cards from outgoing
10		mail subsequent to the county DSS's timely authorization of a termination or reduction in benefits
11		or
12	<u>(2)(3)</u>	A systems failure at the State state computer center occurs on the last cutoff date of the month
13		preventing the county DSS from data entering case terminations or adverse actions; or
14	<u>(3)(4)</u>	Any other failure or error the Division determines is attributable solely to the State occurs.
15	(b) The county	department of social services shall be financially responsible for costs resulting from the erroneous
16	issuance of bene	efits and Medicaid claims payments when it:
17	(1)	Authorizes retroactive eligibility outside the dates permitted by regulations or Rule .0203 of this
18		Section; of
19	(2)	Fails to send required notices of patient liability or deductible balance to medical providers; or
20	(3)	Fails to end-date special coverage indicators such as Community Alternatives Program (CAP) CAP
21		or HMO in the State eligibility information system; or
22	(4)	Enters an authorization date in the eligibility system that is earlier than the <u>effective</u> determined date
23		of eligibility; or
24	(5)	Fails to determine the availability of or fails to data enter data on third-party resource information
25		in the State eligibility information system; or
26	(6)	Terminates a case or individual after the Medicaid ID card has been issued; or
27	(7)	Issues a county-typed Medicaid ID card that has erroneous dates of eligibility; or
28	<u>(7)(8)</u>	Fails to initiate application for Medicare Part B coverage for recipients who are eligible, but refuse
29		or are unable to apply for themselves; or
30	<u>(8)(9)</u>	Takes any other action that requires payment of Medicaid claims for an ineligible individual, for
31		ineligible dates, dates or in for an amount that includes a recipient's liability and for which the State
32		state cannot claim federal participation.
33	(c) The amount	ts to be charged back to the county department of social services for erroneous payments of claims
34	shall be the Stat	e state and federal shares of the erroneous payment, not to exceed the lesser of the amount of actua
35	error or claims p	payment.
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37	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25.1A; 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 433.32; 42 C.F.R. 435.903; 435.904

1	Eff. June 1, 1990;
2	Amended Eff. May 1, 1992;
3	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0604 Eff. May 1, 2012; 2012.
4	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23G .0303

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

On the Submission for Permanent Rule form, Box 2, please state "23G <u>.0</u>303"

I	10A NCAC 230	G .0303 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	G .0303 RECOMMENDATION
4		
5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.919;
6		Eff. September 1, 1984;
7		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
8		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0503 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
9		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23G .0304

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 7, put "change of situation" in quotation marks.

Also on line 7, delete "but not limited to" and just state "includes:"

In (a)(5), line 12, remove the underlining from "reserve"

In (a)(9), what is "Program Category" and why is it capitalized?

1	10A NCAC 230	G .0304 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	G .0304 CHANGE IN SITUATION
4	(a) For Medica	aid applications, once the county department of social services learns from any source that there has
5	been a change in	n the budget unit's situation that impacts eligibility, they shall notify the applicant within five busines
6	work days of the	ne need to obtain verification, as defined by 10A NCAC 23A .0102, of verify the change. For the
7	purposes of this	Rule, a A change in of situation includes but not limited to:
8	(1)	Change of address; address; or
9	(2)	Change in living arrangement, <u>arrangement;</u> or
10	(3)	Adding or deleting a budget unit member, member; or
11	(4)	Increase or decrease in income; or
12	(5)	Change in <u>reserve</u> ; <u>reserve</u> ; or
13	(6)	Cessation of disability or blindness, blindness; or
14	(7)	Parent or parents are no longer incapacitated or unemployed, unemployed; or
15	(8)	Change in responsible relative, relative; or
16	(9)	Change in Medicaid Aid-Program Category.
17	(b) For an ong	oing Medicaid case, once the county department of social services learns from any source that ther
18	has been a chan	age in the budget unit's situation, situation they shall review the case promptly and appropriate action
19	shall be comple	ted within 30 calendar days after the agency learns of the change in situation.
20	(c) The Medic	aid client or his or her representative shall report any change in situation that affects might affect
21	eligibility withi	n 10 calendar days to the county department of social services within 10 calendar days of knowledg
22	the change. serv	vices.
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24	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 435.916;
25		Eff. September 1, 1984;
26		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
27		Temporary Amendment Eff. August 22, 1996;
28		Amended Eff. August 1, 1998;
29		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0409 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
30		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 231	H .0106 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	H .0106 LIABILITY OF PERSONS WITH ACCESS
4	(a) Failure to o	comply with the rules in this Subchapter may constitute a misdemeanor and be punishable by fine or
5	imprisonment a	s provided by is unlawful pursuant to North Carolina General Statute G.S. 108A-80.
6	(b) Individuals	employed by the Division and county departments of social services agency and governed by the State
7	Personnel Act a	are subject to suspension, dismissal, dismissal or disciplinary action for failure to comply with these
8	Rules.	
9	(c) Individual	s other than employees, employees but including volunteers and students who are agents of the
10	Department of	Health and Human Services and who have access to client information, information shall be liable in
11	the same manne	er as employees.
12		
13	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 108A-80; 42 C.F.R. 431, Subpart F; 431.304;
14		Eff. September 1, 1984;
15		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
16		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0406 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
17		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23H .0107

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, May 10, 2019

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

Please either end (a)(1) with a period or end (a)(2) with a semicolon and "and"

1	TUA NCAC 231	1.010/ is readopted as published in 33:13 NCK 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	10A NCAC 23	H .0107 RIGHT OF ACCESS
4	(a) An individu	nal has the right to obtain data <u>information</u> about his <u>or her</u> own case. Upon written or verbal <u>request.</u>
5	request the clien	nt shall be able to review or obtain without charge a copy of the information in his or her records with
6	the following ex	xceptions:
7	(1)	Information that the agency is required to keep confidential by State state or federal statutes, rules.
8		statutes or regulations;
9	(2)	Confidential information originating from another agency as provided set forth for in Rule .0104 of
10		this Section.
11	(3)	Information that would breach another individual's right to confidentiality under State or federal
12		statutes, rules, or regulations as determined by the Division or the county department of social
13		services. confidentiality.
14	(b) The agency	shall provide access as promptly as feasible but not more than within five business days. working
15	days after receip	ot of the request.
16		
17	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 108A-80; 42 C.F.R. 431.306;
18		Eff. September 1, 1984;
19		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0407 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
20		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23H .0108

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, May 10, 2019

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

So that I am clear – in Paragraphs (a) and (b), is this the director of the Division or the county dss?

1	10A NCAC 23H .0108 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:	
2		
3	10A NCAC 23H .0108 WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM THE CLIENT	
4	(a) When the director or a delegated representative determines on the basis of the exceptions in Rule .0107 of this	
5	Section to withhold information from the client, this reason shall be documented in the client record.	
6	(b) The director or delegated representative must shall inform the client that information is being withheld, and upon	
7	which of the exceptions specified in Rule .0107 of this Section the decision to withhold the information is based. It	
8	confidential information originating from another agency is being withheld, the client shall be referred to that agency	
9	for access to the information.	
10	(c) When a delegated representative determines to withhold client information, the decision to withhold shall be	
11	reviewed by the supervisor of the person making the initial determination.	
12		
13	History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B</u> ; 108A-80;	
14	Eff. September 1, 1984;	
15	Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;	
16	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0408 Eff. May 1, <u>2012:</u> 2012.	
17	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.	
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23P .0109

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

So that I'm clear – is a client only allowed to review his or her record, and only a representative obtain a copy?

In (b), line 6, what is "completeness" and "relevancy"?

What does the sentence on lines 7- 10 mean? What happens to a deletion? Is there no such thing?

In (c), lines 18-19, why do you need this sentence? Is it not clear that these Rules apply otherwise?

1 10A NCAC 23H .0109 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows: 2 3 10A NCAC 23H .0109 PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF RECORDS 4 (a) The director or his or her delegated representative shall be present when the client reviews the record. The director 5 or his or her delegated representative must shall document in the client record the review of the record by the client. 6 (b) A client may contest the accuracy, completeness, completeness or relevancy of the information in his or her record. 7 Correction of the contested information, but not the deletion of the original information if the Division or county 8 department of social services determines it is required by federal statute or regulation to support receipt of State state 9 or federal participation, shall be inserted in the record when the director or his or her delegated representative concurs 10 that such correction is justified. When the director or his or her delegated representative does not concur, the client 11 shall be allowed to enter a statement in the record. Such corrections and statements shall be made a permanent part 12 of the record and shall be disclosed to any recipient of the disputed information. If a delegated representative decides 13 not to correct contested information, the decision not to correct shall be reviewed by the supervisor of the person 14 making the initial decision. All corrections and statements shall be made a permanent part of the record and shall be 15 disclosed to any recipient of the disputed information. 16 (c) Upon written request from the client, his or her personal representative, including an attorney, may have access to 17 review or obtain without charge, a copy of the information in his or her record. The client may permit the personal 18 representative to have access to his or her entire record or may restrict access to certain portions of the record. Rules 19 .0107 and .0108 of this Section shall apply. 20 21 History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 108A-80; 22 Eff. September 1, 1984; 23 Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0409 Eff. May 1, 2012; 2012. Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019. 24 25 26

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1	10A NCAC 23	H .0110 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
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3	10A NCAC 23	H .0110 CONSENT FOR RELEASE
4	(a) As a part of	f the application process for Medicaid, the client shall be informed of the need for and give consent to
5	release of infor	mation for verification of necessary to verify statements to establish eligibility.
6	(b) No individ	lual shall release any client information which that is owned by the Division of Medical Assistance
7	Health Benefits	or the county departments of social services, or request the release of information regarding the client
8	from other age	ncies or individuals, individuals without obtaining a signed consent for release of information. The
9	procedure for d	isclosure Disclosure without obtaining consent shall be in accordance with Rule .0111 of this Section.
10	(c) The consen	t for release of information shall be on a form provided by the Division of Medical Assistance or shall
11	contain the foll	owing:
12	(1)	The name Name of the provider and the recipient of the information;
13	(2)	The extent of information to be released;
14	(3)	The name and dated signature of the client;
15	(4)	A statement that the consent is subject to revocation at any time except to the extent that action has
16		been taken in reliance on the consent; and
17	(5)	The length Length of time the consent is valid.
18	(d) The client	may alter the form to contain other information information, including: which may include but need
19	not be limited t	o:
20	(1)	A statement specifying the date, event, event or condition upon which the consent may expire even
21		if the client does not expressly revoke the consent; or
22	(2)	A specific Specific purpose for the release.
23	(e) The follow	ing persons may consent to the release of information:
24	(1)	The client;
25	(2)	The legal guardian if the client has been judged incompetent; or
26	(3)	The county department of social services if the client is a minor and in the custody of the county
27		department of social services.
28	(f) Prior to obt	taining a consent for release of information, the director or delegated representative shall explain the
29	meaning of info	ormed consent. The client shall be told the following:
30	(1)	Contents to be released;
31	(2)	That the information is needed to verify eligibility; there is a definite need for the information;
32	(3)	That the client can give or withhold the consent and the consent is voluntary; and
33	(4)	That there are statutes, rules rules, and regulations protecting the confidentiality of the information
34		
35	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 108A-80; 42 C.F.R. 431.304; 42 C.F.R. 431.306;
36		Eff. September 1, 1984;
37		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;

1	Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0410 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
2	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23H .0111

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (b), line 15, approved by whom? The county DSS or the Division?

In (b)(1), line 17, what are "professional practices"? Does your regulated public know?

In (b)(5), what is this "assurance"? A statement to that effect?

In (c), lines 26 and 27, delete "is adopted" and state "subsequent amendments and editions"

In (e), line 31, who determines the "extent possible"?

If following these revisions, there is no text on Page 2, please do not submit that page.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amanda J. Reeder
Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

1	10A NCAC 23H	H.0111 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	10A NCAC 23I	
4	(a) Client inform	nation from the Medicaid record may be disclosed without the consent of the client under the following
5	circumstances:	
6	(1)	To other employees of the county department of social services for purpose of making referrals,
7		supervision, consultation, consultation or determination of eligibility;
8	(2)	To other county departments of social services when the client moves to that county and requests
9		Medicaid;
10	(3)	Between the county departments of social services and the Division of Medical Assistance Health
11		Benefits for purposes of supervision and reporting.
12	(b) Client infor	rmation may be disclosed without consent to individuals requesting approval to conduct studies of
13	client records, p	rovided such approval is requested in writing and the written request will specify and be approved on
14	the basis of: Cli	ent information may be disclosed without client consent to individuals approved to conduct studies of
15	client records.	The request to conduct the study shall be in writing, and shall be approved based upon:
16	(1)	An explanation of how the findings of the study are expected to expand have potential for expanding
17		knowledge and improve improving professional practices;
18	(2)	A description of how the study will be conducted and how the findings will be used;
19	(3)	A presentation of the The individual's credentials in the area of investigation;
20	(4)	A description of how the individual will safeguard the information;
21	(5)	An assurance that no report will contain the names of individuals or other information that makes
22		individuals identifiable.
23	(c) Client infor	mation may be disclosed without consent to federal, State state, or county employees for the purpose
24	of monitoring, auditing, evaluating, evaluation, or to facilitate the administration of other State state and federal	
25	programs, provided that the need for the disclosure of confidential information is justifiable for the purpose and that	
26	adequate safegu	nards, as described in 42 C.F.R. 431.300, which is adopted and incorporated by reference with
27	subsequent char	nges or amendments and available free of charge at https://www.ecfr.gov/, safeguards are maintained
28	to protect the in	formation from re-disclosure.
29	(d) Client inform	mation may be disclosed without consent for purposes of complying with other State state and federal
30	statutes, rules, s	tatutes and regulations and court orders.
31	(e) When infor	mation is released without the client's consent, the client shall be informed to the extent possible, of
32	the disclosure.	The method of informing the client of the disclosure shall be documented in the appropriate record.
33		
34	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 108A-80; 42 C.F.R. 431.306;
35		Eff. September 1, 1984;
36		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0411 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
37		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.

1	10A NCAC 23I	H .0112 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	10A NCAC 23	H .0112 DOCUMENTATION OF CONSENT OR DISCLOSURE
4	Whenever clier	nt information is disclosed in accordance with rules of this Subchapter, the director or delegated
5	representative s	hall insure that documentation of the disclosure is placed in the appropriate document the disclosure
6	in the client rec	ord.
7		
8	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B;</u> 108A-80;
9		Eff. September 1, 1984;
10		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0412 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
11		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

I don't think you need to cite to G.S. 108A-14 in the History Note.

1	10A NCAC 23H	1.0113 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	10A NCAC 23H	I .0113 PERSONS DESIGNATED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION
4	Only directors of	of county departments of social services and their designated representatives may disclose client
5	information in a	ecordance with rules of this Subchapter. The process for delegation is set out in G.S. 108A-14(b).
6		
7	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-54; <u>108A-54.1B</u> ; <u>108A-14(b)</u> ; 108A-80;
8		Eff. September 1, 1984;
9		Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
10		Transferred from 10A NCAC 21A .0413 Eff. May 1, <u>2012:</u> 2012.
11		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 25A .0201

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

On line 6, what is "experimental in nature" and who will determine this, based upon what?

On line 7, what is "generally accepted"? By whom?

On line 7, what are the "community practice standards"?

On line 8 who are the "independent Medicaid consultants"?

1	10A NCAC 25A	.0201 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0200 – MEDICAL SERVICES
4		
5	10A NCAC 25A	.0201 MEDICAL SERVICES
6	All medical serv	ices performed shall must be medically necessary and may not be experimental in nature. Medical
7	necessity shall be is determined by generally accepted North Carolina community practice standards as verified b	
8	independent Med	licaid consultants.
9		
10	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 42 C.F.R. 440.230(d);
11		Eff. March 1, 1990;
12		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0301 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012.
13		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 25H .0203

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a)(1), is the "appropriate State authority" the NC Dental Board? Is there another authority?

In (a)(3), line 9, who determines when this is "necessary" and based upon what?

In (b)(1), line 14, delete "is adopted and" On line 15, state "subsequent amendments and editions" Please note the same for (b)(2).

1	10A NCAC 25H	1.0203 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	10A NCAC 25H	I .0203 STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION
4	(a) Dentists who	provide services under the Medicaid program are required to shall meet the following standards:
5	(1)	must be licensed by the appropriate State state authority;
6	(2)	must provide services in accordance comply with the State and federal statutes, rules, rules and
7		regulations of the Medicaid program; and
8	(3)	must agree that the State Medicaid Agency or its designated agents may audit Medicaid dental
9		records as necessary. necessary;
10	(4)	must agree that payment received from Medicaid is accepted as payment in full for covered services
11		rendered. No additional charges may be made to the patient for such services, except for authorized
12		co-payment.
13	(b) Dentists who	o provide services under the Medicaid program All providers will shall ensure all services: insure:
14	(1)	Services are offered in accordance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which is adopted and
15		incorporated by reference with subsequent changes or amendments and available free of charge at
16		http://uscode.house.gov/; Aet;
17	(2)	Services are offered in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which is
18		adopted and incorporated by reference with subsequent changes or amendments and available free
19		of charge at http://uscode.house.gov/; and 1973, as amended;
20	(3)	All services provided maintain a high standard of are within accepted dental standards for quality
21		in the community and medically necessary pursuant to 10A NCAC 25A .0201. shall be within the
22		reasonable limits of those which are customarily available and provided to most persons in the
23		community with the limitations and exclusions hereinafter specified.
24		
25	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; S.L. 1985, c. 479, s. 86;
26		Eff. February 1, 1976;
27		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
28		Amended Eff. February 29, 1980;
29		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0202 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
30		Readopted May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 25	K .0201 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0200 – PHARMACY SERVICES
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5	10A NCAC 25	K .0201 PHARMACY SERVICES
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7	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-85.26; 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 440.90; 42 CFR 447.331; S.L. 1985, c
8		479, s. 86; 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(d)(1)(A); S.L 2009-451;
9		Eff. September 30, 1977;
10		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
11		Amended Eff. January 1, 1984;
12		Recodified from 10 NCAC 26B .0116 Eff. October 1, 1993;
13		Recodified from 10 NCAC 26B .0117 Eff. January 1, 1998;
14		Amended Eff. May 1, 2010;
15		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0118 Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
16		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 25K .0401

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, May 10, 2019

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

On the Submission for Permanent Rule form, Box 3, please check that this is a readoption.

In (a), lines 7-8, consider stating "subsequent amendments or editions"

1	10A NCAC 25K	.0401 is readopted as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0400 - PROSPECTIVE DRUG REVIEW
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5	10A NCAC 25K	1.0401 PATIENT COUNSELING
6	(a) Rule 21 NCA	AC 46 .2504, .2504 as adopted by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, shall apply to Medicaid,
7	and is hereby Pharmacy applies to Medicaid and is incorporated by reference including subsequent changes or	
8	amendments. A	copy of 21 NCAC 46 .2504 may be downloaded from the N.C. Board of Pharmacy website
9	(http://www.ncbop.org/LawsRules/rules.2500.pdf). There is no charge.	
10	(b) If a pharmacy fails to comply with the requirements of 21 NCAC 46.2504, any claim for reimbursement associated	
11	with the pharmacy's non-compliance shall be denied, or if already paid, shall be recouped.	
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13	History Note:	Authority G.S. <u>108A-54</u> ; <u>108A-54.1B</u> ; <u>108A-68</u> ; <u>42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(g)(2)(A)(ii)</u> ;
14		Eff. June 1, 1993;
15		Amended Eff. March 1, 2010;
16		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22M .0201 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
17		Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 251	M .0201 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0200 – INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES
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5	10A NCAC 25	M .0201 INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES
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7	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; S.L. 1985, c. 479, s. 86; 42 C.F.R. 440.10; 42 C.F.R.
8		440.230(d); 42 C.F.R.447.253; 42 C.F.R. 456.1;
9		Eff. February 1, 1976;
10		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
11		Amended Eff. October 1, 1986; August 1, 1986; October 1, 1982;
12		Temporary Amendment Eff. October 15, 1999;
13		Temporary Amendment Expired July 28, 2000;
14		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 25, 2000;
15		Temporary Amendment Expired June 29, 2001;
16		Paragraphs (a)-(d) transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0401 Eff. May 1, 2012.
17		Paragraph (e) transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0114 Eff. May 1, 2012 (Previously recodified from
18		10 NCAC 26B .0112 Eff. October 1, 1993 and recodified from 10 NCAC 26B .0113 Eff. January 1,
19		<u>1998);</u> 1998).
20		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 25P .0201

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In the Rule, please insert the Rule number and name under the Section number and name.

It will look like this:

SECTION .0200 - INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

10A NCAC 25P .0201 INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

1	10A NCAC 251	P.0201 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0200 – INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES
4		
5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); S.L. 1985, c. 479, s. 86; 42 C.F.R. 440.230(d); 42 C.F.R.447.253; 42
6		C.F.R. 456.1;
7		Eff. February 1, 1976;
8		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
9		Amended Eff. October 1, 1986; August 1, 1986; October 1, 1982;
10		Temporary Amendment Eff. October 15, 1999;
11		Temporary Amendment Expired July 28, 2000;
12		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 25, 2000;
13		Temporary Amendment Expired June 29, 2001;
14		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0401(e) Eff. May 1, <u>2012;</u> 2012.
15		<u>Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.</u>
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RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 25P .0301

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In the Rule, please insert the Rule number and name under the Section number and name.

1	10A NCAC 25	P .0301 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3		SECTION .0300 – OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES
4		
5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 42 C.F.R. 440.20; 42 C.F.R. 440.230(d); 42 C.F.R. 456.1;
6		Eff. February 1, 1976;
7		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
8		Amended Eff. October 1, 1986;
9		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0402 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
10		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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1	10A NCAC 25P	.0402 is repealed through readoption as published in 33:13 NCR 1381-1392 as follows:
2		
3	10A NCAC 25F	2.0402 CLINIC SERVICES
4		
5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 440.20;
6		Eff. February 1, 1976;
7		Amended Eff. September 30, 1977;
8		Readopted Eff. October 31, 1977;
9		Amended Eff. January 1, 1984;
10		Recodified from 10 NCAC 26B .0113 Eff. October 1, 1993;
11		Recodified from 10 NCAC 26B .0114 Eff. January 1, 1998;
12		Transferred from 10A NCAC 22O .0115 Eff. May 1, <u>2012</u> ; 2012 .
13		Repealed Eff. May 1, 2019.
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