



EBCI TRIBAL OPTION

For Providers



December 2025 Provider Newsletter

What is the EBCI Tribal Option?

EBCI Tribal Option assists approximately 5,700 Tribal-eligible Medicaid beneficiaries, primarily in Cherokee, Haywood, Swain, Jackson, and Graham counties.

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Children and Families Specialty Plan launched December 1

[The Children and Families Specialty Plan went live Dec. 1, 2025](#). [The new health plan is the first](#) single, statewide health plan designed to ensure access to comprehensive physical and behavioral health services for NC Medicaid-enrolled children, youth and young adults currently and formerly served by the child welfare system.

The Children and Families Specialty Plan is designed to provide beneficiaries with seamless, integrated, coordinated health care. Having a single, statewide health plan will ensure beneficiaries have access to the health care they need mitigate disruptions in coverage and care during transitions no matter where a beneficiary is in the state.

The Plan will provide care management to all members to support integrated, whole-person care and facilitate coordination among service providers. It will also facilitate seamless transitions for members who experience changes in treatment settings, child welfare placements, transitions to adoption, adulthood and/or loss of Medicaid eligibility.

NC Medicaid beneficiaries who are in foster care, receiving adoption assistance and enrolled in the former foster care eligibility are eligible for the Children and Families Specialty Plan.

For more information, please review the [press release](#) or visit the [Children and Families Specialty Plan](#) webpage.



TRIBAL OPTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

DECEMBER 2025

National Influenza
Vaccination Week

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Safe Toys & Gifts Month



NCDHHS Releases Action Plan to Reduce Cancer Burden for North Carolinians

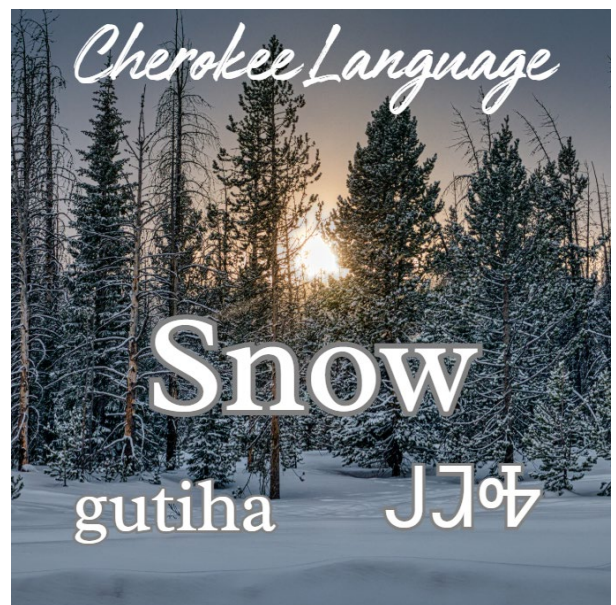
NCDHHS has released the report, [A Statewide Call to Action to Reduce Cancer in North Carolina: 2025-2030 North Carolina Cancer Plan](#), to address the complex factors and impacts of cancer that affect North Carolinians.

The plan emphasizes reducing disparities among people in underserved and rural communities who experience higher rates of cancer, disability and death. It focuses on six cancers that have the greatest impact on North Carolinians: lung, female breast, prostate, colorectal, melanoma skin and HPV-related cancers.

Some of the plan's key goals are to reduce cancer risks by supporting healthy behaviors, increase cancer screening for early detection, improve access to quality treatment and improve the knowledge and understanding of disease types.

Rural residents and communities of color continue to experience higher incidence and mortality rates from cancer. The plan addresses the need for more prevention efforts, increased screening and treatment opportunities that are easily accessible and affordable.

To learn more, [read the full 2025-2030 North Carolina Cancer Plan](#) or visit the [Division of Public Health's website](#). Additional information and resources are also available through the [NC Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Resource Hub](#).





Questions - Contact Live Help Desk

Submit questions to the Help Desk via email at openpayments@cms.hhs.gov or by calling 1-855-326-8366 (TTY Line: 1-844-649-2766), Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET), excluding Federal holidays.

The Help Desk refers media inquiries to CMS' Press Office for response.

Visit the [Resources](#) page on the Open Payments website for many of the above resources.





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Cookies WITH Care Managers



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
5-7PM**

**CHEROKEE YOUTH CENTER
1570 ACQUONI RD, CHEROKEE, NC 28719**



**TAKE PHOTOS WITH SANTA
& DROP A LETTER IN HIS
SPECIAL MAILBOX**

**CREATE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS
CRAFT TO TAKE HOME**



**RAFFLE DRAWINGS FOR
LOTS OF PRIZES!**

EBCI TRIBAL OPTION INVITES CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO 18 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, 'COOKIES WITH CARE MANAGERS.' ENJOY DELICIOUS COOKIES WHILE GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CARE MANAGER, VISIT WITH SANTA, COMPLETE A HOLIDAY CRAFT TO TAKE HOME ALONG WITH A SMALL STUFFED ANIMAL, AND ENTER THE RAFFLE DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF MANY LARGE TOYS GEARED TO HELP KIDS 'PLAY WELL' BY BEING ACTIVE!

**EAT WELL.
PLAY WELL.
STAY WELL.**



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