

Session Law 2022-74 Key Division of Health Service Regulation, Division of Social Services, Division of Public Health Provision Summaries

Division of Health Service Regulation

- 9E.1. Skilled Nursing Facilities waiver to hire or contract for up to four months with temporary personnel who are *not* on the Nurse Aide Registry.
- 9E.2. Waiver of numerous rules and increased bed capacity authority during public health emergencies.

Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services

- 9F.1. Use of Opioid Settlement Funds
- 9F.2. Two-year pilot project for FDA-approved "[prescription digital therapeutics](#)" with a budget of \$150K and a required legislative report.

Division of Public Health

- 9G.3. Use of Juul Settlement Funds
- 9G.4. Effective 9/1/2022, all death certificates must be filed electronically with Vital Records. Fines for non-compliance are \$250, \$500, and \$1000 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd violations respectively.
- 9G.6. Expanded access to client-specific information contained in the NC Immunization Registry expands access specifically for PHPs and PCCMs (so Standard Plans, Tailored Plans, CCNC, AMHs, and the Tribal Option)
- 9G.7. Authorizes the extension of the State Health Director's authority for statewide standing orders for COVID vaccines, tests, etc.
- 9G.8. Modifies existing public health authority by expanding quarantine and isolation authority to Local Health Directors in addition to the State Health Director.

Division of Social Services

- 9I.2. Increases the Foster Care administrative rate but with *existing* funds in the FC budget.
- 9I.3. \$3M in SFY2023 for Children's Advocacy Centers (abuse, neglect investigations) with only 75% of the \$\$ required to go to centers in good standing.
- 9I.4. Extends the time for SNAP application appeals decisions from 45 days to 60 days (so good for the DSS offices, not good for the applicants).

“HHS Miscellaneous”

- 9K.3.** Temporary Authorization of Behavior Analysts (e.g., for RB-BHT for ASD services) to Practice *without* supervision of a licensed psychologist. The waiver expires 60 days after the new NC Behavior Analysis Board authorized in the 2021 Appropriations Act accepts licensure applications.
- 9K.4.** Eff. 10/1/2022, “Interchangeable Biological Product” [biosimilars] electronic record requirement requires a pharmacy to notify the prescriber within five days of the biosimilar prescribed via any of the following methods: the NC Health Information Exchange; a pharmacy record; a PBM system; electronic prescribing technology; or an interoperable electronic medical records system.