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Provider Alert

Significant Reductions in State Block Grant Funding

Vaya Partners is notifying providers of significant reductions in federal block grant funding administered by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) through its Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DMHDDSUS).

On Oct. 26, 2026, DMHDDSUS notified Vaya Partners of $4,600,866 in block grant funding reductions across our 47-county service area. According to DMHDDSUS, the reductions reflect broader statewide funding adjustments as the state addresses the expiration of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and works to align expenditures with available resources.

Potential Impact on Services
Block grant funding supports critical behavioral health services, particularly for individuals who are uninsured or underinsured.

Vaya Partners is carefully evaluating the reductions and identifying opportunities to absorb costs and minimize disruptions to services wherever possible. However, given the magnitude of these reductions, we anticipate that funding adjustments to certain programs and services will be necessary.

Our priority is to preserve access to essential services and minimize the impact on the individuals, families, providers, and communities we serve.

Next Steps
Vaya Partners is developing a plan to implement the funding reductions while minimizing the impact on providers and members of our communities.

As decisions are finalized, we will communicate directly with affected providers regarding specific program or funding changes, implementation timelines, and any necessary transition planning.

We recognize the challenges these reductions may create for our provider network and the individuals who rely on these services. We value our partnership with providers and remain committed to working collaboratively with you to minimize disruptions to members' services wherever possible.

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

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