The following items have been changed from the approved FY 2024 BCHHS Health Billing Guide and Fee Schedule and presented to you for adoption for FY 2025.

**Billing Guide**
- Updated to accept personal checks for all fees (pg 3).
- That we provide some immunizations to adults at no cost. Previous version only indicated children. (E.g., Merck, GSK and COVID Bridge patient assistance program) (pg 3).
- Updated list of third party payers we accept (pg 4).
- For returned checks, added debit card and credit card as acceptable payment options (pg 6).
- Updated the BCCCP Financial Eligibility scale (pg 8).
- Added language for PrEP to match the STI program (pg 11).
  - There are no client fees for routine PrEP screenings.
  - Client fees may be associated with non-routine PrEP screenings.
  - We may bill Medicaid, Medicare, and third party payers where appropriate.
- Reworded the definition of a Temporary Tattoo Permit (pg 15).
  - **New wording:** A temporary tattoo permit is a permit issued to a tattoo artist valid for 1-14 consecutive days. Temporary tattoo permits may be issued for: visiting artists, instructional classes, tattoo conventions, etc.
  - **Old wording:** A temporary tattoo permit is a permit issued to a tattoo artist at an organized tattooing event not to exceed 7 days. The organized tattoo event must have a minimum of 15 tattoo artists and at a minimum meet the requirements of NCGS 130A-283 and Rules Governing Tattooing 15A NCAC 18A. 3200.

A guest artist is a tattoo artist that has a tattoo permit issued by another county or state and operates out of an existing permitted Buncombe County tattoo establishment for a period of time not to exceed a total of 30 days per calendar year in one location. Guest artist applications must be received 15 days prior to permitting.

- Update sliding fee schedules based on new Federal Poverty Guidelines (pg 16).
- In addition to the Practice Manager, clarified that a designee may also make exceptions to the fee policies (pg 17).

**Fee Schedule**
- Increased Improvement Permit cost for 500 gallon septic systems from $200 to $400 as it requires the same amount of work as an Authorization for Construction permit.
- Decreased to Septic Repair fee to $0 to incentivize people to find out how to repair a failing septic system.
- Increased Construction Authorization, Improvement & Operation Permits - Commercial & Industrial fee to align with Residential pricing.
- Increased numerous vaccine prices and FP methods to align with BCBS and Medicaid reimbursement rates.