

**NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families**

**DATE: January 30, 2019**

**Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:**

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio">https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio</a>
February 11, 9:30 a.m.	Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services	Dept of Insurance, 325 N. Salisbury St., Room 245 (audio availability uncertain)
February 11, 1:00 p.m.	Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice	Dept of Insurance, 325 N. Salisbury St., Room 245 (audio availability uncertain)

**A Deeper Dive on BH/IDD Tailored Plan with Embedded System of Care**

**Principles:**

Within the BH/IDD Tailored Care Management Provider Manual, System of Care was noted and intertwined in the responsibilities of the Advanced Medical Home Plus (AMH+) and Care Management Agency (CMA). Two particular portions were addressed: requirements for System of Care and strategies for AMH+s and CMAs utilizing System of Care. Specifically, the requirements of incorporating System of Care principles for BH/IDD Tailored Plan members aged 3-21 include:

- Involving a Child and Family Team (CFT) in the care plan development;
- Using strengths assessments to strategize the needs of the youth and family, and;
- Updating the care plan to be responsive to changes with the youth and family and results of the services and supports provided.

Additionally, AMH+s and CMAs must utilize strategies consistent with the System of Care guiding principles. This includes knowledge of child welfare, school, and juvenile justice systems and their involvement with the children. Among the children and youth receiving behavioral health services it includes:

- Promoting family-driven, youth-guided service delivery;
- Developing strategies that maximize the skills and competencies of family members to support self-sufficiency in youth and the caregivers;

- Allowing services and supports to be delivered in the community and family, using the least restrictive settings as possible; and,
- Implementing proactive and reactive crisis plans to anticipate the needs and supports the individual may have prior to crisis.

**Feds Offer Medicaid Block Grant “Healthy Adult Opportunity” for Medicaid Expansion Population:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid has published an executive order that allows States to apply for a Medicaid block grant program beginning on January 30th called “Healthy Adult Opportunity.” The program allows states to convert a portion of Medicaid into block grants for “able-bodied” adults 19-64 years old who are a part of the Medicaid expansion population. This block grant option would not impact Medicaid eligibility for individuals who qualify for Medicaid based on a disability or who are in need of long term care services and supports. It is geared toward adults who are presumably able to work.

States will have the opportunity to:

- Set additional conditions of eligibility that promote state and federal program objectives, like community engagement
- Establish flexible cost-sharing structures within broader federal limits
- Choose a lower income standard for eligibility or limit to a subset of individuals (e.g., individuals with substance use disorder) at the regular federal

States that choose this block grant option will be given a specified amount to serve that Medicaid population and are responsible for any spending outside of the block grant amount. The administration argues that this will allow states to more closely monitor their spending and focus their efforts on the most vulnerable populations. In North Carolina, the General Assembly would still need to take some action on closing the insurance gap through expansion of Medicaid to be eligible for this block grant. To be clear, states that have already expanded Medicaid to close the insurance gap may continue as they have in the past. The NC House is considering a bill, [H655](#), which does focus on expanding Medicaid with work requirements.

**NC DHHS published a framework of the expectations for LME/MCOs applying to be [BH/IDD Tailored Plans](#). Comments are due by February 14, 2020.**

**N.C. Bills we are tracking:**

- [H5](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see S3)
- [H76](#): School Safety Omnibus
- [H102](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see S245)
- [H121](#): Expunction Related to Raise the Age/No Conviction
- [H234](#): Funds for Child Advocacy Centers
- [H241](#): Education Bond Act of 2019
- [H250](#): Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions

[H291](#): Continue Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Work Group (SSWG) and Extend Children's Council

[H297](#): Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact

[H434](#): Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence

[H471](#): Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers

[H555](#): Medicaid Transformation Implementation, the Senate has withdrawn this bill from the calendar and re-referred it to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[H580](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see S636)

[H601](#): Funds for NAMI North Carolina, Inc.

[H613](#): Essential Services for Homeless Youth

[H655](#): NC Health Care for Working Families, the bill was re-referred to the House Committee on Health, received a favorable committee substitute, and was re-referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations.

[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)

[H822](#): Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan, the bill has been sent to the Senate, passed the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[H825](#): Strengthen Child Fatality Prevention System: passed first reading and referred to the House Committee on Health.

[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot

[H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes

[H966](#): 2019 Appropriations Act, this bill was placed on the calendar for January 14, 2020, withdrawn from the calendar and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[S3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see H5)

[S175](#): Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist

[S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., the conference committees have been appointed.

[S245](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see H102)

[S251](#): Modernization of Drug Court Programs

[S361](#): Healthy NC, the Senate failed to concur on the health committee substitution, so the Senate and House have appointed committee conferees for the bill.

[S382](#): School Psychologist Compensation and Recruitment (see H482)

[S427](#): Smart Start Funds (see H124)

[S476](#): Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol., after over three months of inactivity, the bill has conference committees appointed in the House and the Senate.

[S549](#): Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Pilot/Funds

[S624](#): Guilford County Mental Health Facility /Funds (see H360)

[S636](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see H580)

**N.C. Bills that have been signed into law:**

[H75](#): School Mental Health Screening Study, presented to the governor and signed into law as Ch. SL 2019-222.

[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, the bill was presented to the governor and signed into law on 11/7/19 as Ch. SL 2019 – 245.

[H301](#): CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code, signed by the governor on 6/21/19 as Ch. SL 2019-33.

[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, signed into law on 8/1/19 as Ch. SL 2019-186.

[H609](#): Once known as Raise the Age Modifications but now labeled Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees, the bill was presented to and signed by the governor as Ch. SL 2019-208.

[H656](#): Medicaid Changes for Transformation, signed into law by the Governor on 7/4/19 as Ch. SL 2019-81.

[H1001](#): Raise the Age Funding, ratified, presented to the governor and signed into law on 10/14/19 as Ch. SL 2019-229.

**Upcoming Collaborative Mental Health Meetings:**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Collaborative</b>	<b>Location</b>
February 19, 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.	NC Child Well Being Transformation Council	544 LOB, audio available

**Federal Bills We are Tracking:**

[S.1172](#): Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act: read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1465](#): Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams: read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S. 1642](#): Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1668](#): Defending Access to Mental Health Care Act: Read twice and referred to the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1670](#): Care Across Generations Act: read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[H.R. 1109](#): Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R. 1301](#): Mental Health Telemedicine Expansion Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 1395](#): Youth Mental Health Services Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 1838](#): Social Security Child Protection Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 2958](#): Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 3116](#): State Flexibility for Family First Transitions Act: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 2702](#): Family First Transition and Support Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 3074](#): Continuing Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care Act: referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R. 3438](#): Child Welfare Data Modernization Act: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 4025](#): Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

[H.R. 4420](#): Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

[H.R. 4428](#): Greater Mental Health Access Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 4602](#): Continuation of Useful Resources to States Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

[H.R. 4835](#): Supporting Trauma-Informed Education Practices Act: referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 5569](#): Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act of 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor