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## NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: April 9, 2021

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>
April 13, 10:00 am	House Health	643 LOB, <a href="#">livestream</a>
April 13, 1:00 pm	House Education, K-12	643 LOB, <a href="#">livestream</a>
April 14, 11:00 am	House Judiciary 2 (H. 252 on the agenda)	423 LOB, <a href="#">livestream</a>

### ***April is Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate Month!***

#### **Highlight on a New Bill:**

[S. 595](#), Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences, will establish a new task force to study the extent, nature, and impact of adverse childhood experiences with regard to North Carolina and make recommendations to address these impacts through State and local government with a particular focus on diversion from the criminal justice system. The Task Force membership will include representatives from DHHS, DPI, DPS, pediatricians, psychologists, social service directors, local boards of education and county commissioners. It does not include representation from youth and families or LME/MCOs. The bill was filed this week and referred to Senate Rules.

#### **Highlight on New Law:**

[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families, was signed into law on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This new law is designed to assist students who have struggled during the pandemic and remote learning and could benefit from learning opportunities over the summer. The law authorizes the transfer of \$1.4 billion from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II to fund this opportunity. That includes funding for personnel, transportation for students and, to the extent funds are available, for residential schools. Each local school administrative unit will identify and prioritize at-risk students, consistent with G.S. 115C-105.41(a) (see below), for participation in the program.

#### **§ 115C-105.41. Students who have been placed at risk of academic failure and transition plans.**

(a) In order to implement Part 1A of Article 8 of this Chapter, local school administrative units shall identify students who are at risk for academic failure and who

*are not successfully progressing toward grade promotion and graduation, beginning in kindergarten. Identification shall occur as early as can reasonably be done and can be based on grades, observations, diagnostic and formative assessments, State assessments, and other factors, including reading on grade level, that impact student performance that teachers and administrators consider appropriate, without having to await the results of end-of-grade or end-of-course tests.*

### **Opportunity for Feedback! NC Medicaid Updates the Quality Strategy for Medicaid Managed Care:**

NC Medicaid has published an [updated Quality Strategy](#). The Quality Strategy includes the State expectations around care management, value-based payments, network adequacy, quality measures for Standard Plans and LM/MCOs to achieve. One update is to include the [Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\) Initiative](#) that has been funded through SAMHSA.

**Input is due by May 6, 2021** to:

Email: [Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Medicaid.NCEngagement@dhhs.nc.gov)

U.S. Mail: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, 1950 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1950. Attn: Quality Management Team

### **Resources:**

- Introduction to NC Medicaid Ombudsman Webinar for Beneficiaries and Members, 12-1 p.m., April 14, 2021 [Register at this link](#).
- Community Partners Webinar: Next steps in NC Medicaid's Transition to Managed Care, 2-3 p.m., April 21, 2021 [Register for Community Partners Webinar](#)

### **Bills on the Move:**

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act, reported favorably by House Appropriations, Education and re-referred to House Rules

[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth, reported favorably by House Health, re-referred to House Finance

[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform, House Judiciary 2 reported favorably, House Committee on Children, Families and Aging Policy favorably reported, re-referred to House Appropriations

[H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction, House Committee on Children, Families and Aging Policy favorably reported, re-referred to House Judiciary 2

[S. 113](#), Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals, Passed Senate, reported favorably by House Judiciary 2 and re-referred to House Committee on Children, Families and Aging Policy

[S. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility, passed Senate

[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid

[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor's Budget

**Other Bills:**

- [H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE
- [H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications
- [H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism
- [H. 132](#), Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)
- [H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)
- [H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill)
- [H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021
- [H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools
- [H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford
- [H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing
- [H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct
- [H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula
- [H. 252/S. 207](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.
- [H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds
- [H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
- [H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act
- [H. 298](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
- [H. 300](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
- [H. 305](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- [H. 313](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
- [H. 314](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- [H. 325](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- [H. 382](#), Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service
- [H. 383](#), Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
- [H. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
- [H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
- [H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion
- [H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18
- [S. 37](#), In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26
- [S. 61](#), Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation
- [S. 78](#), A Safe Return for In-Person Learning
- [S. 86](#), Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
- [S. 88](#), NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study
- [S. 89](#), Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
- [S. 90](#), Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
- [S. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis
- [S. 103](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism, passed Senate
- [S. 105](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
- [S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
- [S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act

[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists  
[S. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility  
[S. 350/H. 389](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021  
[S. 402](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap  
[S. 463](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST  
[S. 501](#), Create Department of Adult Corrections  
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children  
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum  
[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings  
[S. 594](#), Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections – Agency Bill  
[S. 693](#), Expedite Child Safety and Permanency

Bills Signed into Law:

[SL 2021-1](#): COVID Relief Bill Modifications  
[SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief  
[SL 2021-4](#): The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021  
[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families  
[SL 2021-8](#): Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021