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## NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: April 27, 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 28, 10:00 am	Senate Healthcare	<a href="#">544 LOB, livestream</a>
April 28, 11:00 am	Senate Education (S. 593 on agenda for discussion only)	<a href="#">544 LOB, livestream</a>
April 28, 12:00 pm	House Judiciary 1 (H. 615 on agenda)	<a href="#">421 LOB, livestream</a>
April 29, 10:00 am	Senate Healthcare	<a href="#">544 LOB, livestream</a>

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

#### **Legislative Update:**

There is no budget proposal as of press time. The budget will originate in the Senate. It is likely there is a lot of discussion occurring behind closed door both between the two houses and separately by each house. The crossover deadline of May 13<sup>th</sup> is quickly approaching. Bills that have appropriations will remain in action regardless of crossover. Bills that do not have appropriations and do not pass either the House or Senate by that deadline will not remain active. Those provisions could still pop up as special provisions in the budget bill.

#### **Medicaid Transformation Update:**

The Open Enrollment for the Standard Plan will conclude on May 14<sup>th</sup>. After that time, Medicaid beneficiaries on the Standard Plan will be auto-assigned to a primary care practitioner and a Prepaid Health Plan. The [Ombudsman](#) program is up and running. The [Call Center](#) for the Enrollment Broker is available to assist Medicaid beneficiaries in their decision making.

#### **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:**

- The NC Medicaid Ombudsman is inviting stakeholder groups to have them speak about the ombudsman role in Medicaid Transformation. Use this [link](#) to make the request.
- Free Webinar “Adolescent Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19”, May 6, 1-2 pm, [link](#) to registration, sponsored by NAMI and Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health.
- The NC Division of MH/IDD/SUD Community Engagement and Empowerment Team is asking for responses to a survey regarding trainings and events you would like to learn more about. To respond to the survey (by May 31) follow this [link](#).

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

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act, passed the House and referred to Senate Rules

[H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams, reported favorably by House Education K-12 and re-referred to House Rules

[S. 113](#), Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals, Passed House and Senate

### **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. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth

[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. 212](#), Social Services Reform

[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. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction

[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  
[H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act  
[H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator  
[H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report  
[H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST  
[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid  
[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. 514](#), Youth Health Protection Act  
[S. 515](#), Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act  
[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. 595, Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences  
[S. 610/ H. 665](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid  
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid  
[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor’s Budget  
[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