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## NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: May 3, 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>
May 4, 10:00 am	House Health	<a href="#">643 LOB, livestream</a>
May 4, 1:00 pm	House Education K-12	<a href="#">643 LOB, livestream</a>
May 4, 3:00 pm	House Families, Children and Aging Policy (H. 658 on agenda)	<a href="#">423 LOB, livestream</a>

***May is Mental Health Awareness Month!  
Children's Mental Health Awareness is May 2-8<sup>th</sup>!  
It's a perfect time to contact your legislators!***

### Highlighted Bills:

[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification, was introduced on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It has been referred to the House Health Committee and, once reported, will be re-referred to Regulatory Reform and then Rules. The bill does not include appropriations so will need to meet the May 13<sup>th</sup> crossover deadline by passing the House and being sent to the Senate. If it does not meet that deadline, it will either no longer be active or will have to be added as a provision to another bill.

The bill creates a Peer Support Specialist Certification Oversight Board that oversees the certification process. The Board will consist of 11 members, all of whom are either Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSSs) or individuals with personal experience in recovery. The Board will have responsibility for several areas ranging from establishing and conducting rules, conducting investigations and establishing and approving continuing education requirements. A certification is in effect for two years before a re-certification is required.

[H. 734](#), Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions, includes a provision to update the Consumer and Family Advisory Committee statutory language. The provision specifies the number of slots per region that are appointed by the House, Senate and NC Association of County Commissioners.

### **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 [Call Center](#) for the Enrollment Broker is available to assist Medicaid beneficiaries in their decision making. The [Ombudsman](#) program is up and running.

### **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:**

- NC DHHS has added a [“Reference Guide – Medicaid Contacts for Beneficiaries”](#) resource.
- NC DPS Division of Juvenile Justice has posted updates recently about initiatives related to juvenile re-entry to the community in their [Juvenile Justice Journal](#).
- The National Council for Behavioral Healthcare has a short four-part series of [YouTube videos](#) related to children’s mental health GRIT (guts, resilience, identification and treatment)

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

[H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS, passed House and referred to Senate Rules

[H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments, reported favorably by House Judiciary 1 and re-referred to House Health

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

[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/NCFAS  
[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid  
[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act  
[H. 734](#), Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions  
[H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid  
[H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19  
[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