

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: August 7, 2021

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio
Monday, August 9, 2:30 p.m.	House Finance (S. 105 on agenda)	643 LOB, livestream
Tuesday, August 10, 9:00 a.m.	House Appropriations (S. 105 on agenda)	643 LOB, livestream
Wednesday, August 11, 8:30 a.m.	House Pensions and Retirement (S. 105 on agenda)	415 LOB, livestream

House Budget Process Unfolding:

The much-anticipated House budget proposal will be considered on Monday by the House Finance Committee and, assuming they favorably report [S. 105](#), then on Tuesday by the House Appropriations Committee and, assuming they report S. 105 favorably, House Pensions and Retirement on Wednesday. That will complete the serial referrals through committees and move the bill back to the House Rules Committee where it will stay until it's placed on the calendar for consideration by the full House. It could be a very short stay in Rules if the House follows the path that the Senate took of quick passage. The House did take a bit of a different path by previewing the separate House budgets to the House Appropriations subcommittees. Although the budget proposal is never set until it's passed on the floor, if you would like a "sneak peek" of the House budget proposal, you can review the proposals each of the House Appropriations subcommittees reviewed this week using the links below:

[House Health and Human Services Appropriations](#)

[House Education Appropriations](#)

[House Justice and Public Safety Appropriations](#)

BH/IDD Tailored Plan Contract Awards Announced:

NC DHHS [announced](#) on July 26th that all seven of the current LME/MCOs received the awards to become BH/IDD Tailored Plans beginning on July 1, 2022. This will shift to

six Tailored Plans assuming the merger between Cardinal Innovations and Vaya Health progresses. In this interim one-year period, Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for a Tailored Plan will receive physical health services through Medicaid Direct and BH/IDD services through the LME/MCOs.

As a part of the responses to the Request for Application (RFA), each LME/MCO provided the name of a Standard Plan (PHP) with which they *intend* to partner to provide integrated physical, BH, IDD, SUD care. It is important to note that they may be in different stages of formalizing these partnerships so there could be a possibility of change. For the purposes of the RFA, the intention of partnership went as follows:

Alliance – Wellcare

Cardinal Innovations – HealthyBlue***(they have announced intent to merge with Vaya)*

Eastpointe – Wellcare

Partners – Carolina Complete Health

Sandhills – AmeriHealth Caritas

Trillium – Carolina Complete Health

Vaya – Wellcare

NC DHHS continues to work on education and information sharing for Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for the Tailored Plan. As of June 30th, 7,500 Tailored Plan eligible individuals had chosen a Standard Plan. This would, of course, prohibit them from receiving those higher level BH/IDD/SUD services that are only available through the LME/MCOs and later the Tailored Plans without undergoing a transition of care. NC DHHS leaders made the decision to postpone the enrollment in Standard Plans of those 7,500 Tailored Plan eligible individuals until they had received further choice counseling. After receiving written materials and conversing with an Enrollment Broker Specialist, the Medicaid beneficiary may still choose a Standard Plan and will then complete the Informed Consent Process.

Opportunities:

- [Disability Rights North Carolina](#) is asking for feedback to help shape their work. They are asking individuals to [complete this brief survey](#) (available in [Spanish](#)) by August 15th on the proposed advocacy targets for 2022. They have asked for people to complete the survey and then share the link with others.
- The Exceptional Children Division of DPI is [accepting proposals](#) for their 70th Conference on Exceptional Children. Proposals must be submitted by August 25th and the conference will be held on November 18-19 in Greensboro.

Resources:

- [The HOPE Program](#) continues to provide emergency rental assistance and is accepting referrals from landlords as of August 1.

Bills on the Move:

[SL 2021-100](#): Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill) signed into law by the Governor on 8/6/21

[S. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility – MET CROSSOVER, placed on House calendar for 8/10/21

Bills:

[H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications

[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)

[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021

[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform

[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford

[H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER

[H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula

[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. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021

[H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility

[H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS

[H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion

[H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18

[H. 568/S. 721](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

[H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act

[H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report

[H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAS

[H. 664](#), County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid

[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act
[H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid
[H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19
[H. 769](#), Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act
[H. 823](#), Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 837](#), Increase Student Access to School Counselors
[H. 882](#), Behavioral Health Services for Students
[H. 908](#), Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All
[H. 914](#), Support our Direct Care Workforce
[H. 928](#), Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds
[H. 934](#), Student Success Program
[H. 946](#), Sound Basic Education for Every Child
[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act
[H. 952](#), Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program
[H. 953](#), Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons
[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. 105](#), 2021 Appropriations Act, passed by Senate and referred to House Appropriations with serial referrals to House Finance Committee, House Pensions and Retirement Committee and House Rules Committee.
[S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[S. 207/H. 252](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs. – MET CROSSOVER
[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 – MET CROSSOVER
[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 – MET CROSSOVER

[S. 721/H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

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

[SL 2021-18](#): Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals

[SL 2021-22](#): Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism

[SL 2021-25](#): Additional COVID-19 Response and Relief

[SL 2021-61](#): Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments

[SL 2021-62](#): Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections

[SL 2021-77](#): DHHS Revisions

[SL 2021-88](#): GSC Technical Corrections 2021

[SL 2021-100](#): Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)