

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: August 21, 2021

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio
Tuesday, August 24, 10:00 am	House Health	643 LOB, livestream
Tuesday, August 24, 11:00 am	Senate Education/Higher Education	544 LOB, livestream
Thursday, August 26, 10:00 am	Senate Healthcare	544 LOB, livestream

LME/MCO Disengagement and Mergers Update:

There has been much discussion and action in the past year related to the Cardinal Innovations counties that are no longer satisfied with their service management that will bring major changes to the catchment areas of a number of LME/MCOs. Before a county can disengage from their LME/MCO, there are regulatory requirements that provide timelines and steps that must first occur. [Click here](#) to look at those regulations. Here's what we know about potential changes at the time of this writing:

November 5, 2020: Orange County commissioners vote to disengage from Cardinal Innovations and begin merger actions with Alliance Health. [Click here](#) to track Orange's realignment plan.

May 20, 2021: Forsyth County commissioners vote to disengage from Cardinal Innovations and begin merger actions with Partners Health Management. [Click here](#) to track Forsyth's realignment plan.

June 1, 2021: Mecklenburg County commissioners vote to disengage with Cardinal Innovations and begin merger actions with Alliance Health. [Click here](#) to track Mecklenburg's realignment plan.

June 22, 2021: Davidson County commissioners vote to disengage with Cardinal Innovations and begin merger actions with Sandhills Center. [Click here](#) to track Davidson's realignment plan.

June 29, 2021: Davie County commissioners vote to disengage with Cardinal Innovations and begin merger actions with Partners Health Management. [Click here](#) to track Davie's realignment plan.

June 29, 2021: Stokes County send a letter to NC DHHS Secretary indicating a possible disengagement from Cardinal Innovations.

July 19, 2021: Rockingham County commissioners vote to disengage with Cardinal Innovations and begin merger actions with Sandhills Center. [Click here](#) to track Rockingham's realignment plan.

September 1, 2021: Cabarrus, Stanly and Union counties will disengage with Cardinal Innovations and move to Partners Health Management. [Click here](#) for more information about the realignment of these counties from Cardinal Innovations. [Click here](#) for more information about the realignment of these counties to Partners Health Management.

June 30, 2022: Consolidation of Cardinal Innovations with Vaya is scheduled to be completed for those counties that have not previously disengaged or are not in the disengagement process.

According to the [NC DHHS webpage](#) on these changes, there are four counties (Chatham, Halifax, Stokes and Warren) that are "pending". At least one of these counties, Stokes, has expressed some level of interest in disengagement but has not yet taken action.

If you want to look at how this may impact the number of Medicaid eligible individuals served by each LME/MCO, here is a resource of Medicaid beneficiary data: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/medicaid-and-health-choice-enrollment-reports>

Opportunities:

- 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.
- Healthy Opportunities Pilot overview will be provided through a webinar on Tuesday, August 31, 9:30 am – 11 am. Register at this [link](#).

Resources:

- [Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer \(P-EBT\)](#) has been extended into the summer. Eligible students and children under age 6 will receive a one-time payment of \$375 for the summer. Current cards should be kept so benefits can continue through the summer.
- [Advancing Children and Families Together: The Two-Generation Framework Overview](#), The Kresge Foundation and Ascend at the Aspen Institute

Bills on the Move:

S. 105, 2021 Appropriations Act, passed by House and Senate, Senate did not concur with House proposal, [conference committee appointed](#)
S. 207/H. 252, Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs. – MET CROSSOVER – passed House

[S. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility, ratified and presented to Governor for signature
[S. 693](#), Expedite Child Safety and Permanency – MET CROSSOVER – passed House

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/NCFAST
[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. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[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. 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)