

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

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Happy New Year!! Welcome to the first edition of the weekly update for 2022!

NC General Assembly convenes again on January 10th for limited discussions.

NC General Assembly Short Session begins on May 18, 2022

Working the Interim Between Sessions:

Although the NC General Assembly is technically still in session, their discussion is limited to what is included in the adjournment resolution and will not include regular committee meetings or consideration of most bills. What that does NOT mean is that this is a down time for legislators. We will likely begin to see meeting notices for legislative oversight committees that deliberate during the interim between sessions. Something to watch for: The NCGA established a Joint Legislative Committee for Improving Health Access and Medicaid Expansion and membership has not yet been published but there has been informal indication that they will be meeting in the interim.

New NC DHHS Secretary Kinsley Takes Office:

New [DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley](#) took the oath of office in early January. Of course, his transition is from Chief Deputy Secretary of Health to Secretary and that will benefit North Carolina as he has already been a key leader in behavioral health, the opioid epidemic and the State response to COVID-19. In a presentation at the i2i conference in December, Kinsley noted the importance of reaching children early to support their mental health and well-being. Helen Wolstenholme has been named as the Interim Chief Deputy Secretary of Health.

Standard Plan AMH Provider Manual Updated to Include Provisions around Children's Services Grant:

The [Provider Manual for Advanced Medical Homes](#) (AMH) that are certified at a Tier 3 level has been updated. The AMH role is the care manager under the Medicaid and Health Choice Standard Plan. Included in the update is additional specificity on how the AMH Tier 3 will be piloted under the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) federal grant that is being conducted in a five-county area of North Carolina. The pilot will be used to inform NC DHHS on a statewide approach to integrated care for children.

Resources:

- NC DHHS is accepting applications for two assistance programs. The [Low-Income Energy Assistance Program \(LIEAP\)](#) is seasonally available. Eligible households may qualify to receive an automated payment for the 2021-2022 LIEAP season if a member of the household: 1. Is age 60 or older or a person with a disability receiving services through the [Division of Aging and Adult Services](#); 2. Currently receives [Food and Nutrition Services](#) and 3. Received LIEAP during the 2020-2021 season.

The [Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program \(LIHWAP\)](#) is a federal program that assists by paying a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services.

- Children's Disability Rights presentation is offered for free on January 25, 2022, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm by the Duke Children's Law Clinic and HIC. To register, click on this [link](#).

Reminder: Bills that have an appropriation or bills that met crossover remain active for the Short Session 2022.

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. 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)
[SL 2021-118](#): Expand Expunction Eligibility
[SL 2021-123](#): Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.
[SL 2021-132](#): Expedite Child Safety and Permanency
[SL 2021-144](#): Foster Parents' Bill of Rights
[SL 2021-190](#): Landlord Submission of HOPE Application

[Resolution 2021-10](#), adjournment resolution states that the NCGA will adjourn on December 10th and return on December 30th to address specific issues that may have occurred in the interim. It has passed the House and Senate and been ratified.