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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

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2023 Legislative Session, and so it begins...

A slow start to a Long Session is not unusual. There are changes in offices and new office set-up and committee assignments to be done, to name a few of the tasks in a new Long Session. Even with the logistical changes needed, there is a lot going on behind the scenes related to bills. The bill filing dates have been set [some as early as February] and the crossover deadline has been determined to be May 4, 2023. As a reminder, the crossover deadline is when bills that do not include funding must pass either the House or Senate (where they were introduced) to remain active during the Long and Short Sessions. A few points to inform us on what to expect:

- The NC Governor will release his budget recommendations. This could occur as late as March. It will include his priorities and the priorities of his administration. It is not required for the NC General Assembly to move forward on the budget but they can use it as a resource.
- The budget is expected to be initiated in the House this year.
- Bills that are filed by study commissions and other committees that met during the interim may be the first bills that we see.
- Committees, particularly appropriations committees, often spend some time in their initial meetings providing education and updates for members.

Links To Key Committee Assignments:

House Committees	Senate Committees
Appropriations	Appropriations
Appropriations on Health and Human Services	Appropriations on Health and Human Services
Appropriations on Education	Appropriations on Education
Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety	Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety
Education, K-12	Education/Higher Education
Families, Children and Aging Policy	Health Care
Health	

Updated Key BH/IDD Tailored Plan Dates:

- **Jan. 28, 2023** – Tailored Plan Auto Enrollment
- **Jan. 30 – Feb. 27, 2023** – Tailored Plan Primary Care Provider (PCP) Choice Period
- **Feb. 6, 2023-** Enrollment Broker Begins Mailing Tailored Plan Transition Notices
- **Feb. 15, 2023** – Tailored Plan eligible beneficiaries can begin scheduling Non-Emergency Medical Transportation with their Tailored Plan for appointments on or after April 1, 2023
- **Feb. 28, 2023** – Tailored Plan PCP Auto-Assignment
- **Mar. 5 – Mar. 13, 2023** – Tailored Plans begin mailing Welcome Packets to members. This will include Member ID Cards, Welcome Letters and Member Handbooks
- **April 1, 2023** – Tailored Plan begins providing services to members

For more information on BH/IDD Tailored Plan Implementation:

[NC Medicaid Ombudsman](#)

[NC Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment Broker](#)

[NC DHHS Medicaid Transformation website](#)

[LME/MCO Directory](#)

Resources:

ABC 11 [News story](#), January 5, 2023, “State agencies work to expand mental health resources for students as disturbing trends rise”

Ohio State [News story](#), January 10, 2023, “Feeling Depressed? Performing acts of kindness may help”

NC Department of Public Instruction [press release](#), January 24, 2023, “Center for Safer Schools Opens Temporary Training Facility at Samarcand”

NC Health News [article](#), January 26, 2023, “Schools struggle to retain special ed teachers. Advocates say invest more in them.”

NC DHHS [press release](#), January 31, 2023, “NC DHHS Announces New Online Bed Registry to Decrease Wait Times for Behavioral Health”

Bills Introduced:

[H. 26](#), Education Omnibus, referred to House Committee on Education K-12

[S. 49](#), Parents Bill of Rights, Reported favorably by Senate Health Care and Senate Finance, referred to Senate Rules