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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

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Legislative Update:

The NC General Assembly is only meeting one or two days a month and spend most of the time in their communities during this election period. This interim period prior to the beginning of the 2023 Long Session in January, is when legislative oversight committees can meet. Legislative oversight committees are bipartisan committees focused on specific areas of the budget. They do not consider bills as a part of the legislative process but they do receive updates and formulate recommendations that turn into legislation when the legislature is in session. One pertinent oversight committee is on the calendar for September:

[Joint Education Legislative Oversight Committee 9/6 9:30 a.m.](#)

In addition, other study committees may be meeting, including the [House Select Committee on an Education System for North Carolina's Future](#) that met three times in August.

BH/IDD Tailored Plan Updates:

Go Live Date: NC DHHS Deputy Secretary Dave Richard stated in a recent webinar that they are on track for the December 1, 2022 implementation of the BH/IDD Tailored Plan. He also noted that the Department would take until mid to late September to make a final decision on the go live date for the BH/IDD Tailored Plan.

Notification and Choice: NC DHHS has now sent letters to Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for the BH/IDD Tailored Plan indicating that they have an opportunity to choose their primary care physicians and care managers. That choice period is from August 15, 2022 through October 14, 2022. There is no choice related to which BH/IDD Tailored Plan a Medicaid beneficiary will be assigned to because that they are regional and not statewide. It is important for Medicaid beneficiaries to impact where they do have choice, especially if they have preferences for a particular primary care provider or care manager. Beginning on October 15, 2022, NC DHHS will auto-assign Medicaid beneficiaries in the BH/IDD Tailored Plans to a primary care provider and care management agency (either an Advanced Medical Home Plus or a Care Management Agency). To find out more information about the options, the Enrollment Broker [website](#) offers a provider directory and assistance in making your choices.

Transportation: Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) has previously been scheduled through local social service offices and can be scheduled for appointments on or after December 1, 2022 through the BH/IDD Tailored Plans beginning on October 17, 2022.

Pharmacy: BH/IDD Tailored Plans will begin managing the Medicaid pharmacy benefit for their members as of April 1, 2023. The NC General Assembly authorized a postponed go live due to vendor changes that impacted contracts.

Results from Medicaid Consumer Survey Published:

North Carolina Medicaid uses the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) to survey adult and child Medicaid beneficiaries about their Medicaid experience. This is used to improve and strengthen the system. This national survey tool does allow for supplemental questions and NC Medicaid used this opportunity to gain insight into experiences with telehealth services. The [full report](#) and a [two-page summary](#) are available. Child mental health results are on pages 25-28 of the full report.

Results include showing a 6% decrease in respondents who always or usually could get appointments for mental health services for their children on Medicaid. It also showed that there was very little change in whether respondents believed they could access needed care. Keep in mind that this survey is strictly for Medicaid beneficiaries and does not apply to children with private insurance.

The NC Division of MH/IDD/SAS also conducts an annual Consumer Perceptions of Care survey. They include children ages 12-17 and parents of children under 12. This survey would cover public MH/IDD/SAS services. There is a [webpage](#) that has the results of surveys from past years.

School Healthful Living Standards Opportunity for Participation:

The NC Department of Public Instruction Healthy Schools Team has reopened the applications for both the Data Review Committee (DRC) and the Standards Writing Team (SWT) in Health and Physical Education. This could be an opportunity to incorporate the voice of children, youth and families as it relates to behavioral health services in the K-12 Healthful Living Standards review process.

The goal of the DRC is to review data and trends on the current Healthful Living Standard Course of Study along with feedback collected from interviews, focus groups, and survey responses from stakeholders. The DRC will analyze this data to make recommendations for a separate Standards Writing Team (SWT) to consider.

The goal of the SWT is to write the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) for Health and Physical Education based on the recommendations of the DRC. The SWT will be trained and have access to all research and data. The SWT will meet periodically throughout the revision process to review and revise the NCSCOS for Health and Physical Education.

NCDPI is seeking applications from a range of stakeholders including K-12 educators from all grade levels, content areas, and resource specialists. Equally important are school/district

leaders, educators from institutions of higher education, and business and community leaders. Contact for more information: Burt Jenkins at burt.jenkins@dpi.nc.gov. In addition, there is a DPI [website](#) on the Healthful Living Standards.

Previous applicants need not reapply.

NCDPI Health Education DRC Application

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6St85IEaRzU2vm6

NCDPI Physical Education DRC Application

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0TZasAHJeBtoimg

NCDPI Health Education SWT Application

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tL0rzd4ncezqzY

NCDPI Physical Education SWT Application

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2TGBdDLuudZq7c

Resources:

- NC Health News 8/22/22 [article](#) on impact of overburdened hospitals on mental health treatment.
- NC Health News 7/22/22 [article](#) on the youth mental health crisis in North Carolina.

Bills Signed into Law during 2021 Long Session and 2022 Short Session:

[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

[SL 2022-71](#): Education Law Changes

