South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services

School-Based Health Services

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Fee-for-Service & Coordinated Care

- South Carolina Population = 5 Million *(23rd largest)*
- Total Enrollment in March 2017
  - 1,067,402 Beneficiaries
  - 21% of South Carolinians
  - 62% of Children in SC are Medicaid Beneficiaries
- 64% of Medicaid beneficiaries are members of Coordinated Care Plans – Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
  - 565,563 beneficiaries 0-20.99 years of age = 75.2%
  - 186,262 beneficiaries 21 and older = 24.8%
- Fee-for-Service
  - 112,571 beneficiaries 0-20.99 years of age = 27%
  - 307,350 beneficiaries 21 and older = 73%
- Federal Match Rate = 71% (Service); 50% (Administrative)

K-12 Public Education in South Carolina

- SC Department of Education
  - Superintendent is an elected, constitutional officer
  - Only state to own and operate the statewide bus fleet
  - Limited authority of school districts' operations
  - Oversight over federally-funded programs and services including IDEA compliance and Medicaid
  - Accreditation oversight
- 82 School Districts in SC's 46 Counties
  - All 82 enrolled as Medicaid providers of some type
  - Each has publically elected school board
  - Largely funded through local property tax collections – this leads to wide disparities in funding and resources
  - Approximately 1200 schools & nearly 750,000 students

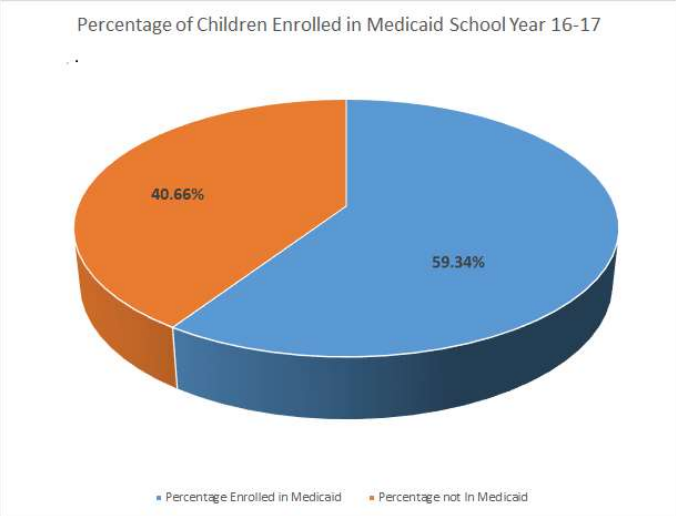
Challenges & Opportunities

- Schools & Districts as Medicaid Providers
  - Administrative loads related to service authorizations, billing, and compliance
  - Third-party liability
  - Cost-reporting for those states that originate match dollars at agencies – Certified Public Expenditure or Cash Match
  - Framing Medicaid as a "funding source"
  - Productivity
- Summertime gaps in service
- School-districts contracting with your state's MCOs
- Services on Individualized Educational Plans –
  "Who's paying?"

…yeah, but more on "Opportunities"

- Partnerships with Medicaid providers who are willing to make "house calls" – *Co-Location*
  - Behavioral health providers
  - Autism providers
  - Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapists
  - Primary Care Providers
- Partnerships through telehealth
- Administrative claiming

Percentage of School Children Enrolled in SC Medicaid



Medicaid Services Provided by Enrolled School Districts

- School-Based Rehabilitative Therapy Services (Speech-Language Pathology, OT, PT, IEP Nursing, Non-IEP Nursing, Audiology, Orientation and Mobility)
- Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS)
- School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)
- Special Needs Transportation (SNT)
- Telehealth (facility fee)

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Partnerships with Healthcare Providers & Expansion in Medicaid Billing

Three major focus areas to date:

- Non-IEP Nursing
- Telehealth
- Behavioral Health Services

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Non-IEP Nursing

Established after Free Care Ruling

- No State Plan Amendment needed in SC; established 7/1/16
- Coordination with SC Department of Health and Environmental Control – Title V sites
- Coordination with SC Department of Health and Human Services – contracts, budgets, requirements
- Coordination with SC school districts – contracts, budgets, requirements
- Forms, coordination, and training – Medicaid release form and treatment plan

Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services

- 11 out of 82 school districts are enrolled as RBHS Medicaid providers.
- RBHS Services include:
  - Assessment and Screening Services
  - Psychotherapy Services
  - Community Support Services
  - Service Plan Development
  - Crisis Management

SCDE Telehealth

- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has an existing program to provide Telemedicine in the school districts and has established the SC Telehealth Alliance
- Telehealth Committee at SC Department of Education (SCDE) has been meeting since July, 2014.
- Medicaid Telemedicine policy was established for school districts November 2015
- Currently, 80 schools receive Telemedicine/Telemental Health services
- SCDE's role is to provide support and coordination for the school districts which choose to contract for Telemedicine

SC Department of Mental Health

- 17 Community Mental Health Centers
  - Plus a telepsychiatry center
  - All providing services in schools
- Approximately 500 schools have a DMH therapist co-located on-site
- Full-range of psychotherapeutic and counseling services provided
  - Including crisis intervention
  - Telepsychiatry
  - Participation in students-of-concern teams
- Financial participation by the school districts


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