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

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**Percentage of School Children Enrolled in SC Medicaid**

![Pie chart showing percentage of children enrolled in Medicaid](chart.png)

- 59.34%: Percentage Enrolled in Medicaid
- 40.66%: Percentage not in 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)

## Partnerships with Healthcare Providers & Expansion in Medicaid Billing

Three major focus areas to date:

- Non-IEP Nursing
- Telehealth
- Behavioral Health Services
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
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

• 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