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From: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#)
To: [Jan Polatty](#)
Subject: Document1
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 12:08:00 PM
Attachments: [Document1.docx](#)

Jan,

Fyi I need to discuss with Robby.

From: Eunice.Medina@scdhhs.gov
To: [Scott Timmons](#)
Subject: Fwd: 1:1 Topics and Questions
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:40:23 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Any update on PDL? Why are they asking me when they have the meetings?

When will Dustin have the prime sunset MCO presentation done for my review?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "John W. McClellan" <John.W.McClellan@centene.com>
Date: January 9, 2024 at 6:52:13 AM EST
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Cc: "John W. McClellan" <John.W.McClellan@centene.com>
Subject: 1:1 Topics and Questions

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Eunice,

Looking forward to our conversation later today. Here are some potential questions for our call:

1. Single PDL
 - a. When will we have the list of drugs on the PDL?
 - b. When will SCDHHS release prior authorization policies for MCO review?
2. MMP Sunset
 - a. When will we receive guidance on structure of new model?
 - b. When will SCDHHS carve-in LTSS services?
3. Tenet Transaction with Novant
 - a. Are you hearing from either provider?
4. Gender Dysphoria Policies
 - a. How would SCDHHS like to proceed?

Thanks.

John

John McClellan

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From: Eunice.Medina@scdhhs.gov
To: [Crystal Snelling](#)
Subject: Fwd: Legislative Update
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 7:03:42 PM

Please put this on my calendar so I remember to watch
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From: Jenny L Stirling <LYNCHJEN@scdhhs.gov>
Date: January 19, 2024 at 12:58:33 PM EST
To: Robby Kerr <RKerr@scdhhs.gov>, Jan Polatty <POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov>, Eunice Medina <Eunice.Medina@scdhhs.gov>, Brad Livingston <Brad.Livingston@scdhhs.gov>, "Deirdra T. Singleton" <Singled@scdhhs.gov>, Nicole Mitchell Threatt <mitcheln@scdhhs.gov>, Rhonda Morrison <Morrison@scdhhs.gov>, Jeff Leieritz <Jeffrey.Leieritz@scdhhs.gov>, Jackson Wilkens <Jackson.Wilkens@scdhhs.gov>, Rupl Grewal <rupi.grewal@scdhhs.gov>, Sophia Troutman <Sophia.Troutman@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Legislative Update

Hi! The only calendar addition is Senate Medical Affairs full committee on S.915 Thursday morning at 9:30 (Gressette 105).

Thanks!

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From: Jenny L Stirling
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 2:44 PM
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Subject: Legislative Update

Hi! See below for update. Thanks!

Floor Actions:

[H.4624](#) – Gender Reassignment Procedures: House gave 3rd reading

[S.882](#) – Prescriptions for Minors: Senate gave 3rd reading

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Introduced:

[H. 4865](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Rose: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "**MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM ACT**" BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [38-71-280](#), RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE THE AGE REQUIREMENT.

[H. 4873](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Ligon and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE **REGULATION OF GENE THERAPY BY REQUIRING CERTAIN LABELING OF GENE THERAPY PRODUCTS**, DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, AND INFORMED CONSENT.

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Committee Actions:

- Medical Affairs Committee
 - [H.4159](#) SC Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act: favorable report without much discussion including the amendment to clarify NPs are able to do telehealth.
 - Verdin stated he anticipates full committee on S.915 will be next Thursday.

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Posted so far for next week:

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Tuesday, January 23rd

Senate and House session at noon.

1.5 hours after House adjournment

- House W&M Healthcare Subcommittee (Blatt 108)
 - MUSC Hospital Authority, DHHS, and DMH Budget Presentations

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Wednesday, January 24th

10:00 a.m.

- House W&M Healthcare Subcommittee (Blatt 108)
 - DSS, Aging, Children's Advocacy Budget Presentations

10:30 a.m.

- Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee (Gressette 209)
 - [S.915](#) Executive Office of Health Policy

7:00 p.m.

Governor's State of the State Address

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From: Eunice.Medina@scdhhs.gov
To: [Rhonda Morrison](#)
Subject: Fwd: Readiness
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:56:30 PM
Attachments: [Readiness Complete \(version 1\).xlsx.xlsx](#)

This is what she sent Sam, highlighted only. He only got it yesterday but wanted him to confirm.
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jordan Desai <Jordan.Desai@scdhhs.gov>
Date: January 16, 2024 at 3:01:02 PM EST
To: Eunice Medina <Eunice.Medina@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: Readiness

Hi!

Attaching the doc, still waiting on response from Sam and Scott, but added the final rule overlay and an info sheet.

Jordan Desai

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From: [Eunice Medina](#)
To: [Eric Roberts](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 11:17:00 AM
Attachments: [Readiness PROSPECTIVE MCO TOOL 10.2023 RST.xlsx](#)

Need to talk to you about this, can we meet at noon for 5 min?

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Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Eunice Medina <Eunice.Medina@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: FW:

Items 5 and 6 are for meeting with Eric

Jordan Desai

Chief of Quality

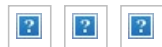
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From: Scott Timmons <Scott.Timmons@scdhhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 3:28 PM
To: Crystal Snelling <Crystal.Snelling@scdhhs.gov>
Cc: Jordan Desai <Jordan.Desai@scdhhs.gov>
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From: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#)
To: johnhazzard@scsenate.gov
Cc: [Jan Polatty](#); [Byron Roberts](#)
Subject: FW: 2 proposed bills
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 11:42:53 AM
Attachments: [Medicaid TPL Act\(2\).docx](#)
[43-7-465 - TPL Revisions.docx](#)
[H.4624 Suggestions\(1\).docx](#)

Hey John,

Pls see attached proposed bills for TPL and H.4624 regarding gender transformation. Regarding the proposed TPL legislation, the changes to SC Section 43-7-465 are changes we must make pursuant to federal law. Proposed changes to Article 5 are changes we would like to have in light of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding a case out of Florida that you shared with us.

Also, H.4624 is the gender transformation bill Robby mentioned to you and he will follow up with you regarding the suggested relined changes.

If you have any questions regarding either of the attachments pls give us a call. Thanks a bunch.

From: [Jan Polatty](#)
To: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#)
Subject: FW: bill
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:14:58 PM

From: Jenny L Stirling <LYNCHJEN@scdhhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:01 AM
To: Jan Polatty <POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: bill

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/bills/4624.htm

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From: Eunice Medina
To: Courtney L. Montgomery, MHA, MA, APM
Subject: FW: Compliance_Monitoring_Plan2.18.21.xlsx
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 1:28:00 PM
Attachments: Compliance_Monitoring_Plan2.18.21.xlsx

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From: Eunice Medina
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Becky Wilkerson <Rebecca.Wilkerson@scdhhs.gov>
Cc: Scott Timmons <Scott.Timmons@scdhhs.gov>; Jordan Desai <Jordan.Desai@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: Compliance_Monitoring_Plan2.18.21.xlsx

I found the FL contract monitoring tool. Geez, it was on the homepage of my drive...hope I'm not too late for it to be helpful.

From: [Jan Polatty](#)
To: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#); [Jenny L Stirling](#)
Subject: FW: Med. Affairs 2/29 -- Room change
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:38:05 PM
Attachments: [Notice_022924A.docx](#)

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Senators:

Please see the attached – it is an amended notice, reflecting the fact that we have moved to 105. Keep in mind that we still are starting early (9:00). Also, be aware that we will reconvene after session if the agenda is not finished.

Thanks,

Gene

From: [Jan Polatty](#)
To: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#)
Subject: FW: Med. Affairs 2/29
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:32:34 PM
Attachments: [Notice_022924.docx](#)

FYI – thanks, Jan

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Senators:

Attached is the notice for next week's full committee meeting. Please note –

- Different time, 9:00
- Different room, 209
- Provision to reconvene after session, if necessary

Summaries to follow in separate email.

Gene

From: [Jan Polatty](#)
To: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#)
Subject: FW: Med. Affairs sub 2/21
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 1:58:27 PM
Attachments: [Notice_022124.docx](#)

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Senators:

Attached is the notice for next week's subcommittee. We will reconvene on H. 4624 next Wednesday, 11:00 in 105. Please note the contingency for work after session, if necessary.

Gene

From: [Deirdra T. Singleton](#)
To: [Cynthia Gates](#)
Subject: FW: Med. Affairs sub 2/21
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 2:57:00 PM
Attachments: [Notice_022124.docx](#)

Cynthia, pls put this on my calendar. thanks

Deirdra T. Singleton

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Dawn/Vanessa - In relation to recent complaints from Modivcare and transportation companies, they should ALL be reading the attached. Has Modivcare blasted out this guidance to transportation companies? They should. Check the below out:

Beneficiaries may not receive necessary care when appointments are missed. To ensure a beneficiary's receipt of medical services is not hindered or discouraged, **states may not deny transportation due to beneficiary no-shows or lateness, even if frequently occurring. States and providers may also not impose a charge on a beneficiary for no-shows.**^{33,34} However, CMS recognizes there may be a need for additional steps in scheduling and confirming a ride for passengers who exhibit chronic lateness or no-shows, such as, but not limited to:

- **Counseling the beneficiary;**
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It is important to note that before implementing any action to limit transportation in any way, states should **send a letter to the beneficiary documenting the efforts made to accommodate the beneficiary, along with the behaviors that have resulted in the additional process.** Transportation experiences can have an impact and influence on the decision a beneficiary makes in scheduling a service and the frequency of scheduling. Beneficiaries who have a negative experience may see obstacles related to transportation as a deterrent to receiving medically necessary care. Improving the experience in being informed and educated about transportation, arranging for transportation, ride experience, interaction with customer service representatives, ease in scheduling, and clear processes in rescheduling are all important considerations. As with other Medicaid services, rescheduling is a common part of service delivery and can be related to factors such as illness, another life event, or a provider scheduling conflict. It is important that the scheduling and rescheduling process for the beneficiary is administratively simple and that any arising provider and driver issues are regularly monitored and managed by the transportation provider and the state, as appropriate. Please refer to the "Beneficiary Support" section for additional information on Oversight of Transportation Services for Beneficiaries, Scheduling Assistance, and No-show Providers, Replacements, and Reschedules

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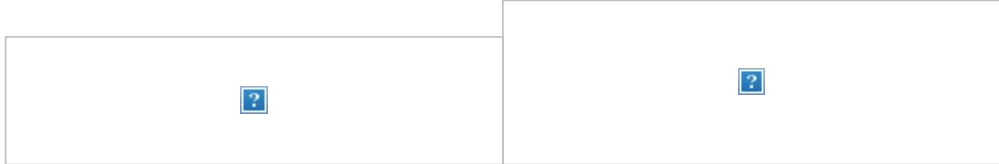
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Pretty clear on page 15 that we cannot pay for no shows nor can the provider even charge for that, or we lose FFP.

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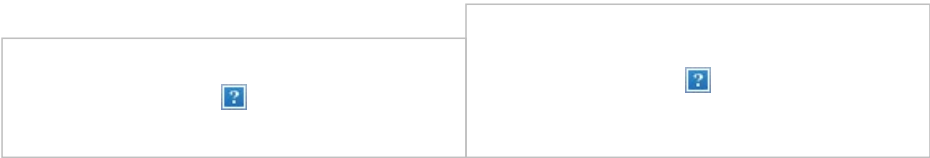
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[H. 4634 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ANY MATCHING FUNDS AND A SUMMARY OF ANY CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.

[H. 4545 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-5-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FULL-TIME STATE EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO ONE PAID HOLIDAY DURING THE MONTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S BIRTH.

[H. 4596 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK.

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[R3 Appendix J NPAR.docx](#)
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As you are, no doubt, aware, the Medical Affairs Committee, tomorrow, will consider amendments to S. 915. As the amendments have not been presented in the context of the committee process, they are not yet considered public documents.

However, Chmn. Verdin and Sen. Davis, as subcommittee chair, believe it is necessary for the agencies concerned to be aware of the amendments. Therefore, you are receiving the following two documents –

- S. 915 DOA1, the larger amendment, contains the enabling language that DOA was charged to prepare pursuant to Act 60. It also includes changes to S. 915 necessitated by 1) minor drafting oversights, and 2) enabling language concerning the creation of the Executive Office of Health and Policy
- S. 915 DOA2,3 a small document, contains language also submitted by DOA pursuant to Act 60, including some policy-specific text

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All,

Our first 2024 board meeting is scheduled for this Friday, January 19th. SC DHHS Director Robby Kerr and his Chief of Staff/Deputy Director of Programs Eunice Medina will be joining us for a discussion on SC DHHS children’s healthcare priorities and planning for the FY 2025 children’s hospital infrastructure priorities. Meeting materials are attached. I will send out the December meeting minutes to SCCHC board members in a separate email. If you haven’t already, please RSVP to Linda Howard at howli@musc.edu if you are attending in person so we can get an accurate count for lunch.

Meeting Details:

Time: 11:00 am – 1 pm (We will have boxed lunch options from Panera Bread). There is also a cafeteria on the 7th floor of the children’s hospital.

Location: Shawn Jenkins MUSC Children’s Hospital, 6th floor, Conference Room 6003 (Turn right off of elevators on 6th floor and enter Administration Suite. Conference room off the main reception area to the left.)

MUSC CH Tour: Immediately after the meeting

Parking: McClennan Banks parking garage, [Parking map](#), Parking garage address is 21 McClennan Banks Drive

- There is a connector to the children’s hospital on the 2nd floor from the parking garage or you can enter the building through the first floor. Take the main elevators to the 6th floor.
- Text me at 843-270-0533 if you get lost and I’ll come get you.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional directions.

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In This Week’s Update:

- Sexual orientation and gender identity data collection
- State updates: AK, AR, AZ, CA, IL, KY, MA, MD, MI, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OR & UT
- Insights on federal healthcare priorities
- Using SNAP to power Medicaid renewals

Good afternoon friends,

This week, HHS’ Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued a [letter addressing the cybersecurity incident](#) impacting Change Healthcare that is disrupting healthcare and billing information operations nationwide. OCR enforces the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules, which sets forth the requirements that HIPAA covered entities must follow to protect the privacy and security of protected health information and the required notifications to HHS and affected individuals following a breach.

Also this week, State Health and Value Strategies published a new issue brief on the [collection of sexual orientation and gender identity \(SOGI\) data in Medicaid](#). The issue brief summarizes recent federal guidance on adding SOGI questions to state Medicaid and CHIP programs, documents how this information is currently collected in Medicaid, and spotlights Oregon’s ongoing efforts to improve the collection of SOGI data. Updates follow.

- [Alaska](#) – The Alaska Department of Health posted [several resources for providers](#) affected by the cyberattack impacting Change Healthcare, including claim submission options and options to check members’ eligibility.
- [Arizona](#) – The Arizona Department of Health Services announced Eugene Livar, MD as the [first-ever statewide Chief Heat Officer](#). Dr. Livar will oversee the implementation of the governor’s [Extreme Heat Preparedness Plan](#) and work to coordinate partnerships between the state, county health departments, local municipalities, communities, the private sector, and community-based organizations.
- [Arkansas](#) – Governor Sarah Sanders signed an [executive order aimed at improving maternal](#)

[health](#). The executive order establishes the Arkansas Strategic Committee for Maternal Health, which will engage stakeholders to support the development of a statewide strategic maternal health plan, including strategies to increase access to quality maternal health services and improve statewide coordination for maternal health data and reporting.

- [California](#) – The Department of Health Care Services awarded [\\$67 million to 99 organizations](#) to expand early intervention programs and practices that provide mental health and wellness services to children, youth, and young adults.
- [Illinois](#) – Governor JB Pritzker announced [Morgan Winters will serve as the State-Based Marketplace Director](#) within the Illinois Department of Insurance. Winters most recently served as the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for MNsure, Minnesota's health insurance Marketplace. Congrats Morgan!
- [Kentucky](#) – Governor Andy Beshear announced [updates to FindHelpNowKy.org](#), a website that helps Kentuckians to obtain naloxone, which is used to reverse opioid overdose. The website, which has been used over 240,000 times to help Kentuckians find addiction treatment facilities since its inception in 2018, now also includes a recovery housing locator, mental health treatment facilities and social services resources.
- [Maryland](#) – Governor Wes Moore announced that the Maryland Department of Health awarded \$13.5 million in grants to 19 jurisdictions across the state to help promote health equity and [improve access to behavioral health crisis services](#) for Marylanders. The grants will fund pilot programs to expand and improve mobile crisis team services and establish behavioral health crisis stabilization centers, which provide high quality, person-centered services.
- [Massachusetts](#) – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the launch of a [community grant program for substance-use disorder \(SUD\) prevention](#), recovery, and treatment. The administration is investing more than \$5 million annually in this grantmaking program, with the goal of increasing the equitable allocation of Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund grants to organizations and municipalities that otherwise could not apply for funding. RIZE, a public-private partnership focused on ending the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts, will proactively reach out to potential grantees and support them through the grantmaking process.
- [Michigan](#) – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is seeking public input on [potential in lieu of services \(ILOS\)](#) options to address food insecurity and increase access to healthy foods. Through a request for information, MDHHS is seeking input on proposed service definitions for the following four potential ILOS: medically tailored home delivered meal; healthy home delivered meal; healthy food pack; and produce prescription. Feedback will be used to refine ILOS definitions prior to submission for federal approval and implementation.
- [Missouri](#) – The Missouri Department of Social Services announced the [Maternal Health Access Project \(MHAP\)](#), a new statewide perinatal psychiatry access program. Any healthcare provider in the state who sees patients in the perinatal period may enroll in MHAP to receive education and support in treating the mental and behavioral health conditions of their perinatal patients. Providers enrolled in MHAP can access same-day consultation with a perinatal psychiatrist, care coordination services, and educational materials and training on topics related to perinatal mental health.
- [New Jersey](#) – The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance announced that New

Jerseyans will have the ability to [connect to health coverage when filing their 2023 State Income Tax return](#). Beginning this year, residents can complete the [NJ-EZ Enroll Form](#) and will receive a welcome notice from GetCoveredNJ, the state's official health insurance Marketplace, with a unique access code that allows them to access their Marketplace account with 60 days to enroll in a health plan. As a reminder, SHVS has a [resource page of state materials](#) on facilitated enrollment programs, including tax return-based enrollment programs.

- [New York](#) – Governor Kathy Hochul announced that health insurers were [directed to follow new protocols](#) and assist healthcare providers to ensure New Yorkers have access to uninterrupted healthcare services after the cyberattack on Change Healthcare. The Department of Financial Services issued a [letter to health insurers](#) providing guidance on how they should work with providers, which may include suspending certain utilization review requirements, appeal timeframes, claim submission timeframes, and eligibility verifications.
- [North Carolina](#) – The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced the [launch of Inclusion Connects](#), an initiative to better connect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families with community-based services. Inclusion Connects will provide better access to the various supports and services available through Medicaid.
- [Oregon](#) – The Oregon Prescription Drug Affordability Board is hosting a series of [community forums](#) to help the board with direction on how to move forward with the rising costs of prescription drugs. The meetings are open to the public to learn more about prescription drug costs, and tell their story of how costly prescriptions have affected their health, budget and lives.
- [Utah](#) – CMS [approved](#) amendments to [Utah's Medicaid Reform 1115 demonstration](#), giving the state authority to provide fertility preservation services to certain people diagnosed with cancer, as well as in vitro fertilization and genetic testing services for individuals with certain genetic traits. The amendment also approves an increase in the premium subsidy amount for individuals eligible for coverage under the state's CHIP premium assistance program and adds four risk factors that would be considered under the Housing Related Services and Supports program, which provides coverage of tenancy support, community transition, and supportive living services to eligible individuals.

Insights on Federal Healthcare Priorities

A new SHVS [expert perspective](#) summarizes two recent events that provided insight into federal priorities in Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces. On March 9, Congress passed and the President signed a "minibus" funding bill, funding about half of the government agencies for fiscal year (FY) 2024 and deferring action until March 22 for remaining agencies. And on March 11, the White House released the President's Budget for FY 2025, articulating the Biden administration's healthcare policy priorities for the upcoming year. The expert perspective reviews the healthcare policies and programs recently funded by Congress for FY 2024 as well as the Biden administration's stated healthcare priorities for FY 2025.

The Global Fight Against Antimicrobial Resistance

The latest episode of my podcast, [the Princeton Pulse](#), tackles one of the top 10 global public health

threats facing humanity: antimicrobial resistance, often called AMR. For this episode, I am joined by Ramanan Laxminarayan, an environmental economist, epidemiologist, and lecturer at Princeton, as well as the founder and president of One Health Trust, a public health research organization; and Dr. Martin Blaser, a physician, microbiologist, and professor at Rutgers University, where he directs the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine. Our conversation addresses how AMR affects food security, the economy, health equity, and our ability to fight future pandemics. We also discuss the United Nations' upcoming meeting which will gather world leaders this September to create a coordinated action plan.

Using SNAP to Power Medicaid Renewals

Medicaid unwinding has highlighted many opportunities for states to enhance and improve their Medicaid renewal processes and many states have taken advantage of the 1902(e)(14)(A) waivers that allow a state to enroll or renew individuals based on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility. On March 20 at 1:00 p.m. ET, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities will host a webinar for state agencies to discuss available [options to best leverage SNAP data for Medicaid renewals](#). While these waivers are expected to sunset at the end of 2024, states can continue to leverage SNAP information to complete *ex parte* renewals by transitioning to various other strategies depending on their state's setup.

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In This Week's Update:

- Proposed Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters
- State updates: AL, AZ, CA, CO, LA, MA, MD, MI, NC, NH, NM, NV, NY, OR, TN & VA
- CMS resource on transitional medical assistance
- 2023 Annual Medicaid MCO Survey

Good afternoon friends,

First, I want to congratulate North Carolina on the first day of their Medicaid Expansion. More than 600,000 residents are now eligible for coverage. Details on the rollout are available at [medicaid.nc.gov](https://www.nc.gov/healthcare/medicaid-expansion).

This week, State Health and Value Strategies published a [new expert perspective](#) on the proposed 2025 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters, the annual regulation which governs core provisions of the Affordable Care Act. This expert perspective highlights the provisions of the proposed rule of interest to states, including standards for State-Based Marketplaces, proposals for updating essential health benefits, and initiatives to ease the eligibility and enrollment process for consumers.

Also this week, CMS released new unwinding data including [enrollment figures](#) for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Medicare; the August 2023 [Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot](#) report; and updated state-reported [unwinding data](#). This latest data release provides enrollment figures through August 2023 when just under 90 million individuals were [enrolled](#) in Medicaid and CHIP coverage, as compared to 70.9 million individuals in February 2020 (the month prior to the start of continuous enrollment) and 93.9 million in March 2023 (the final month that the continuous coverage requirement was in effect). Updates follow.

- [Alabama](#) – CMS approved a community-based [mobile crisis state plan amendment](#) that allows Alabama to create mobile crisis intervention teams to provide Medicaid crisis services. As a reminder, SHVS published an [expert perspective](#) on the enhanced payment available through

the American Rescue Plan Act for community-based mobile crisis services.

- Arizona – The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System submitted a request to CMS to [increase the income eligibility limit for KidsCare](#) (the Children’s Health Insurance Program in Arizona) to 225% of the federal poverty level. If approved by CMS, Arizona could enroll nearly 10,000 more children in KidsCare. The current income limit is capped at 200% of the federal poverty level.
- California
 - Governor Gavin Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 483](#), which will expand access to school-based health and mental health services by making it easier for schools to participate in the Local Education Agency Billing Option Program and receive federal Medicaid reimbursement for health services provided to Medi-Cal eligible students.
 - California launched two new programs, the Reproductive Health Service Corps to [increase and diversify the reproductive healthcare workforce](#), and the Pharmacists Comprehensive Abortion and Reproductive Health Empowerment (Pharmacists CARE) Initiative to support training pharmacists to provide reproductive care.
- Colorado – The Colorado Division of Insurance released an updated gender-affirming care [insurance coverage guide](#) for plan year 2024. Colorado began explicitly including gender-affirming care services in its benchmark health insurance plan for essential health benefits in 2023.
- Louisiana – The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) released its [annual Outcomes Report](#) which showed that LDH was successful in completing 91.1% of its 45 goals and 92.5% of its 253 deliverables outlined in the fiscal year 2023 LDH business plan. The goals were selected from a range of policy priorities and include addressing chronic disease; improving maternal health; expanding Medicaid policies that address environmental health risks; expanding the behavioral health system’s capacity; and improving services for citizens with developmental disabilities, among others.
- Maryland – Governor Wes Moore announced a new [four-year partnership](#) to provide Marylanders with more equitable access to contraceptive care. In partnership with the Maryland Department of Health, Upstream USA will begin offering contraceptive care resources to healthcare providers, including free technical assistance, training and education in settings where most women already receive their healthcare.
- Massachusetts – The Healey-Driscoll administration and the Reproductive Equity Now Foundation announced the launch of the [Medication Abortion Toolkit for Public Colleges and Universities](#). The toolkit is designed to assist Massachusetts’ public colleges and universities in preparing medication abortion readiness plans to provide, or make referrals for, medication abortion on college campuses in accordance with a new state law.
- Michigan – Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services Director Anita Fox announced [new licensing requirements for pharmacy benefit managers](#) to help reduce the cost of prescription drugs for Michiganders. The [new licensing requirements](#) are a result of a package of prescription drug bills signed into law last year.
- Nevada – The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Care Financing & Policy has announced a public comment period for the state’s [section 1332 innovation waiver application](#). The waiver would establish a state-based reinsurance program, a quality incentive payment program, and a “Practice in Nevada” incentive program for healthcare providers. The public comment period will be open through December 20 and the

waiver will be submitted to CMS for federal approval on January 1, 2024.

- New Hampshire – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services will hold a series of [public forums to solicit stakeholder feedback](#) on New Hampshire’s home and community-based services system for older adults and people with disabilities.
- New Mexico – The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) announced the successful implementation of a [\\$409 million increase in reimbursement rates](#) for most Medicaid healthcare providers. This change is the result of a rate benchmarking study that HSD conducted in 2022. Claims for reimbursement have been automatically reprocessed with the rate increases retroactive to July 1.
- New York – Governor Kathy Hochul announced that more than \$5.1 million was awarded to support 137 [school-based mental health clinic satellites](#) throughout the state, including 82 at high-needs schools. Administered by the New York State Office of Mental Health, the funding is part of the governor’s \$1 billion landmark plan to transform the state’s mental healthcare system.
- North Carolina
 - The state submitted an application to extend its section 1115(a) demonstration titled, “[North Carolina Medicaid Reform Demonstration](#)” for another five-year period. The state is seeking extensions of ongoing managed care authorities, an expansion of and refinements to the Healthy Opportunities Pilot program, and authority for four new initiatives in line with the state's overarching goals. The new initiatives will streamline Medicaid enrollment for children and youth, improve care for justice involved individuals, and invest in behavioral health.
 - The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced eligible hospitals in the state will begin receiving payments through the [Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program](#) (HASP). Nearly \$2.6 billion in funds will be distributed to 102 hospitals across the state. Earlier this year, state leaders authorized Medicaid expansion and HASP as part of a broader strategy to support access to care for low-income North Carolinians.
- Oregon – CMS [approved](#) the state’s request for a five-year extension of its Medicaid section 1115 demonstration, “[Oregon Contraceptive Care](#),” which authorizes the state to provide family planning services for eligible individuals. CMS is also authorizing two-year continuous eligibility for those enrolled to align this demonstration with the Oregon Health Plan demonstration and support consistent coverage and continuity of care, regardless of income fluctuations or other changes. In addition, that extension requires the state to provide non-emergency medical transport for the demonstration populations beginning January 1, 2025.
- Tennessee – The state requested to amend their Medicaid section 1115 demonstration entitled “[TennCare III](#).” The proposed amendment would expand coverage of parents and caretaker relatives of dependent children, cover a supply of diapers for infants and young children enrolled in TennCare, and enhance the home and community-based services available to individuals with disabilities under the demonstration.
- Virginia
 - The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) will host a [virtual forum on language and disability access](#) on December 5. A panel discussion will explore how language and disability access training can enhance accessibility for individuals with limited English proficiency and people with disabilities. Additional information will

include tips for implementing civil rights training within organizations.

- In April 2022, Virginia Medicaid launched its new community doula services for pregnant members. A [new doula video](#) explains how Virginia Medicaid members can use the doula benefit services and why they should consider using the services. Members can find more information about benefits and services available to pregnant and postpartum enrollees on the [DMAS website for pregnant women](#).

CMS Resource on Transitional Medical Assistance

In case you missed it, CMS released on Wednesday, November 22, a set of [frequently asked questions](#) regarding Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA). The new guidance focuses on TMA considerations for states as they “unwind” the federal Medicaid continuous coverage requirement, and discusses the intersection of TMA with continuous eligibility for children.

2023 Annual Medicaid MCO Survey

The results of the [2023 Annual Medicaid Managed Care Organization Survey](#), conducted by the Institute for Medicaid Innovation, are now available. The 11 areas of the survey are showcased in 11 fact sheets that detail the latest trends and best practices among Medicaid health plans. These findings represent 31 of the 41 states that currently have Medicaid managed care and range in size from small health plans to health plans that cover millions of lives over several different states. The findings from the survey are intended to equip Medicaid stakeholders with the information needed to accurately articulate the national narrative about Medicaid managed care.

Improving Data Sharing Across SNAP and Medicaid Agencies

Although Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) and Medicaid programs share similar income-related eligibility requirements, these programs face challenges sharing data to streamline enrollment processes. On December 5, a [webinar hosted by the Center for Health Care Strategies](#) (CHCS) will explore successful practices for data coordination between SNAP and Medicaid agencies gleaned from a 50-state survey and three state case studies. A speaker from South Carolina Medicaid will share experiences streamlining enrollment and re-enrollment processes during the unwinding of continuous eligibility for Medicaid. This webinar is a product of [Improving Data Coordination Between SNAP and Medicaid](#), a national initiative led by CHCS in partnership with Benefits Data Trust, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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In This Week’s Update:

- Preserving coverage for children
- State updates: AZ, CA, IL, MD, MN, MO, NC, ND, NE, OR, PA & UT
- Prescription drug affordability
- Medicaid payment and purchasing strategies

Good afternoon friends,

Happy new year!

In case you missed it, CMS recently released a suite of [Medicaid unwinding-related guidance](#) that includes a focus on ensuring eligible children maintain Medicaid and CHIP coverage. On **Thursday, January 18 at 12:30 p.m. ET**, State Health and Value Strategies is hosting a [webinar](#) that will review high-value strategies outlined in CMS’ guidance that states can implement to promote continuity of coverage for children and discuss key considerations for state policymakers. Please be sure to [register for the webinar](#) (which is required) and feel free to share the registration information with other interested state colleagues.

States are increasingly leveraging their Medicaid programs to transform healthcare delivery and address health-related social needs (HRSN). SHVS published an [expert perspective](#) and [updated toolkit](#) that identify examples of approaches states are taking through their Medicaid managed care programs to address HRSN. States interested in implementing specific strategies to identify and address HRSN can use the toolkit to develop managed care procurements or update and operationalize key contract provisions. Updates follow.

- [Arizona](#) – The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System announced it has [met the requirements of the state statute to determine Medicaid eligibility](#) for members who had maintained coverage during the pandemic.
- [California](#)
 - The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced a new law allowing adults

ages 26 through 49 to qualify for [full-scope Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status](#) beginning January 1. This initiative, called the Ages 26 through 49 Adult Expansion, is modeled after the [Young Adult Expansion](#), which provided full scope Medi-Cal to young adults 19 through 25, and the [Older Adult Expansion](#), which provided full scope Medi-Cal to adults 50 years of age or older.

- DHCS announced it has received federal approval of its [managed care organization \(MCO\) tax waiver application](#). The MCO tax is estimated to provide \$19.4 billion in net non-federal funding over a 3.75-year tax period. The revenue will allow DHCS to move forward with targeted provider rate increases. Effective January 1, 2024, rates for primary care, maternity care (including OB/GYNs and doulas), and non-specialty mental health services increased to at least 87.5% of Medicare rates.
- [Illinois](#) – The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services announced the approval of 11 applications to proceed towards certification in the [Supportive Living Program for Dementia Care Settings](#). The Supportive Living Program is a Medicaid alternative that offers services at a lower cost than a nursing home and can prevent or delay the need for nursing home care. The program operates through a home and community-based services waiver approved by CMS.
- [Maryland](#) – Governor Wes Moore signed an executive order establishing the [Longevity Ready Maryland Initiative](#), directing the Department of Aging to prioritize the wellbeing of older people, people living with disabilities, and caregivers. The Department of Aging is directed to develop a plan that will coordinate and build upon existing state efforts to tackle challenges throughout the lifespan, including a robust care workforce, adequate caregiver support, and equitable healthcare.
- [Minnesota](#) – The Minnesota Department of Human Services [eliminated the asset limit for Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities](#) (MA-EPD). Effective January 1, 2024, people are eligible for MA-EPD with no limit to the amount of assets they own.
- [Missouri](#) – The Missouri HealthNet Division and the St. Louis Integrated Health Network are jointly sponsoring an [event to launch Group Prenatal Care](#) on January 12, 2024. Group prenatal care models are designed to improve patient education and include opportunities for social support while maintaining the risk screening and physical assessment of individual prenatal care.
- [Nebraska](#) – The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will host a public hearing on [proposed changes to improve dental care](#). The proposed changes include removing the annual dental benefit maximum; reimbursement for each step of denture treatment, rather than when the process is complete; covering asymptomatic wisdom tooth extraction; and reimbursement of select services provided by public health dental hygienists.
- [North Carolina](#)
 - The North Carolina Division of Health Benefits released a policy paper outlining the state's [roadmap to expanding access to integrated mental and primary care services](#). The roadmap outlines seven practical strategies North Carolina has adopted to encourage the collaborative care model, which other states could leverage in their own efforts to increase integrated care.
 - The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services released a report, [“Ensuring Access to Gene Therapies to Address Sickle Cell Disease in Medicaid.”](#) The report details strategies states are taking to expand access to standard treatments for

sickle cell disease as well as challenges states grapple with to improve care for this population.

- North Dakota – The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services announced several [state Medicaid plan changes](#) effective January 1, 2024, including a 3.2% inflationary increase for all nursing facility services and a 3% inflationary increase for psychiatric residential treatment facility services.
- Oregon
 - Governor Tina Kotek announced a \$25 million partnership with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) across the state, with a focus on [expanding youth behavioral health services](#). The state and CCOs developed a plan to reinvest surplus Medicaid dollars into Oregon communities, and this partnership will support behavioral health projects that serve youth, meet the greatest need, and are geographically diverse.
 - The Oregon Health Authority’s Ombuds Program, which serves as the advocate for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members, released a [report detailing top concerns from OHP members](#) specific to child and youth mental health. The report makes recommendations to improve mental health services and supports for children, youth and families across Oregon.
- Pennsylvania – The Pennsylvania Insurance Department announced it will allow insurers to ask applicants to voluntarily provide [demographic data on insurance applications](#) in an effort to promote equity initiatives. Insurers will need to inform applicants that the demographic data questions are optional, why the data is being collected, and how the data will support equitable coverage efforts.
- Utah – Effective January 1, 2024, the state of Utah will offer [medical and dental benefits for non-U.S. citizen children](#), called State CHIP. Children of working families may be eligible if they do not have other health insurance and cannot qualify for Medicaid or the traditional CHIP program due to citizenship status. A special open enrollment for State CHIP began on January 1, 2024.

How Colorado Is Working to Make Drugs More Affordable

Prescription Drug Affordability Boards (PDABs) are independent entities established to analyze the high cost of drugs and to identify effective ways to lower costs in order to increase access to affordable drugs for consumers. The National Academy for State Health Policy spoke with [Colorado’s Prescription Drug Affordability Director Lila Cummings](#) about the Board’s trailblazing work. A blog post of the interview highlights what the board has accomplished so far, how consumer and partner perspectives are incorporated into the work, what the work looks like moving forward, and insights for states that are considering creating a PDAB.

Can Medicaid Payment and Purchasing Strategies Advance Health Equity?

Medicaid is an important player in advancing health equity because of its large footprint in the U.S. healthcare system and importance as a source of coverage for people experiencing disparities. As Medicaid programs increasingly articulate health equity and disparity reductions among their goals, careful consideration of how health equity can be incorporated into purchasing and payment decisions is warranted. A report from the Urban Institute examines four [payment purchasing strategies that states have at their disposal to drive health equity in Medicaid](#): managed care contracting, benefits and care delivery model design, payment reforms, and section 1115 waiver demonstrations. This report identifies key

considerations, limitations, and lessons to inform Medicaid policy and practices based on examples from Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, and Oregon.

State Medicaid Actions to Ensure Access to Gender-Affirming Care

The transgender community experiences stark health disparities resulting from discrimination, violence, stigma and a lack of culturally competent providers. Compared with the general U.S. population, transgender individuals suffer from more chronic health conditions related to substance-use, mental illness, sexual and physical violence, and earlier onset of disabilities. A new brief from Manatt Health describes [state Medicaid actions to ensure access to gender-affirming care](#). Some states provide comprehensive coverage through their Medicaid programs, while other states have explicit Medicaid policies that exclude gender-affirming care for minors and/or adults. States looking to ensure and enhance access to gender-affirming care can pursue strategies described in this brief and continue to learn from one another on how to create a more inclusive healthcare delivery system.

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Jordan –

This is VERY close to being done. I've done a full review and have labeled in red the boxes that I have concerns about with my concerns written in column E in red text. You will need to still confirm with Deirdra, Brad, Rebecca E., Sam Fields, Dr. Wessinger, Scott and Becky in order to finish this. Also, I could not review the companion tools. This needs to get done ASAP as Robby wants to review and he's inviting someone outside to review. But seriously, this is almost done and with Scotts help and his familiarity with the MCO contract, I know he can help complete this.

Thank you,

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Updating with meeting information from Maggie:

Meeting Details:

Time: 11:00 am – 1 pm (We will have boxed lunch options from Ponder Bread). There is also a cafeteria on the 7th floor of the children's hospital.

Location: Shawn Jenkins MUSC Children's Hospital, 6th floor, Conference Room 6003 (Turn right off of elevators on 6th floor and enter Administration Suite. Conference room off the main reception area to the left.)

MUSC CH Tour: Immediately after the meeting

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* There is a connector to the children's hospital on the 2nd floor from the parking garage or you can enter the building through the first floor. Take the main elevators to the 6th floor.

* Text me at 843-270-0533 if you get lost and I'll come get you. ☺