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Day One Agenda

• Legislative Opportunities to Improve Student Mental Health
• Meet the Learning Collaborative
• U.S. Department of Education Efforts to Advance School Medicaid
• Break
• Contemporary Issues in School Medicaid: Coordination and Partnerships
Legislative Opportunities to Improve Student Mental Health
Meet the Learning Collaborative

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California

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California Update: In Brief

What progress has your state team made since November 2021?
- LEABOP has contracted for outreach and expansion to support LEAs for participation in the program
- Establishing the Office of School Based Health Programs
- CSHA sponsors AB 1940: updating SBHC program in statute
- Managed Care and LEAs - All Medi-Cal Managed Care health plans signed up to participate in Student BH Incentive Program (incentive payments to increase school-based BH services)

What are the biggest challenges facing school Medicaid programs this spring?
- Ending of the public health emergency and its impact on enrollment and recertification in Medi-Cal
- Lack of workforce

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?
- Pacific Coast Highway that runs down the coast of CA
California Roster

- Margie Bobe, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Katie Nilsson, San Joaquin County Office of Education
- Sheri Coburn, California School Nurses Organization
- Hellan Roth Dowden, Teachers for Healthy Kids
- Lisa Eisenberg, California School-Based Health Alliance
- Brian Fitzgerald, Department of Health Care Services
- Lindy Harrington, Department of Health Care Services
- Jacob Lam, Department of Health Care Services
- Regina Zerne, Department of Health Care Services
- Stephanie Magee, Department of Health Care Services
- Tom Herman, California Department of Education
- Monica Nepomuceno, California Department of Education
- Deanna Niebuhr, California Department of Education
Colorado

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Colorado Update: In Brief

Progress Since November 2021

• Expanded school Medicaid to include school psychologists without the supervision of doctoral-level psychologists
• School Nurse Workforce Grant
• Expansion of free care continues
Colorado Update: In Brief

What are the biggest challenges facing school Medicaid programs this spring?
• Staff shortages
• Burnout
• Increased mental health needs for students
• Catch up on missed vaccines

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?
• Air Force Academy
Colorado Roster

- Julie Wilken, Denver Public Schools
- Sarah Blumenthal, Colorado Department of Education
- Kim Erickson, Colorado School Medicaid Consortium
- Michelle Camille, Pueblo City Schools
- Christina Winship, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
- Shannon Huska, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
District of Columbia

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District of Columbia Roster

- Kyle Flood, Office of the State Superintendent of Education
- Monica Lesperance, DC Special Education Cooperative
- Heidi Schumacher, Office of the State Superintendent of Education
- Colleen Sonosky, Department of Health Care Finance
- Alessandra Klug, Department of Health Care Finance
- Kafui Doe, Department of Health
- Sophie Murphy, DCPS
- Whitney Carrington, DCPS
- Charnetta Scott, DC Department of Behavioral Health
- Barbara Parks, DC Department of Behavioral Health
- Eartha Isaac, Department of Health
- Jessica Arter, Department of Health
- Francina Boykin, Department of Health
- Debbie Vishnevsky, Department of Health Care Finance
Illinois

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Illinois Update: In Brief

Progress

• SPA pending - Free Care and Cost Settlement
  • Cost settlement requirements beginning 10/1/21
  • FCR retroactive to 7/1/21
• HFS-ISBE statewide working group, state trainings

Challenges

• Lack of streamlined information
• Parental consent to bill
Illinois Roster

- Kate Yager, Chicago Public Schools
- Priscilla Chan, Chicago Public Schools
- Zenja Vaughn, Chicago Public Schools
- Stephanie Altman, Shriver Center
- Krish Mohip, Illinois State Board of Education
- Jeff Aranowski, Illinois State Board of Education
Kentucky

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Kentucky Update: In Brief

What progress has your state team made since November 2021?

- Approval to bill for some COVID-19 related services; an updated state Technical Assistance Guide is pending release
- Added new team members due to staffing changes
- The KY Nurses Association (KNA)-school nurse workgroup surveyed schools/school nurses to gather information on the work they have been doing during the COVID-19 outbreak, which included questions about expanded Medicaid billing
- KNA is developing training for school nurses on expanded Medicaid billing
Kentucky Update: In Brief

What are the biggest challenges facing school Medicaid programs this spring?

- Time constraints, especially with COVID-19
- Changes to billing - waiting on updated guidance

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?

- Ark Encounter
- Fork in the Road
Kentucky Roster

- Eva Stone, Jefferson County Public Schools
- Mahak Kalra, Kentucky Youth Advocates
- Felicia Flanagan, Nelson County Schools
- Lindsey Kimbleton, Kentucky Department of Education
- Erica Davis, Kentucky Medicaid
- Amalia Mendoza, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Massachusetts

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Massachusetts Roster

- Laxmi Tierney, MassHealth
- Margot Tracy, MassHealth
- Emily Hall, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- Rose Bonaventura, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- Rachelle Engler Bennett, MA Department of Education
- Jan Hollenbeck, Medford Public Schools
- Kate Ginnis, MassHealth
- Nina Marchese, MA Department of Education
- Lauren Viviani, MA Department of Education
Michigan

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Michigan Update: In Brief

What progress has your state team made since November 2021?

• Collaborating with other states to help support expansion and share Technical Assistance created from Intermediate School Districts
• Qualitative needs assessment completed for 2021-2022 school year and data presented
• Conferences, regional meetings, policy workgroup, implementer meetings and C4S provider and implementer trainings help with the quick turnaround of the expansion
• MiHIN and Bhworks implementation
Michigan Update: In Brief

What are the biggest challenges facing school Medicaid programs this spring?

- We have seen an influx of funding; however, it is limited in use due to legislative language restrictions
- Significant staff shortages
Michigan Update: In Brief

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?

World’s Largest Tire
Michigan Roster

- Steven Berg, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Diane Golzynski, Michigan Department of Education
- Debra Marshall, Genesee School District
- Shawna Dippman, Monroe ISD
- Kevin Bauer, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Dana Billings, Michigan Department of Education
- Scott Hutchins, Michigan Department of Education
Nevada

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Nevada Roster

- Gladys Cook, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
- Brian Adams, Clarke County School District
- Rossana Dagdagan, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
- Skyler Basanez, Elko County School District
- Nancy Kuhles, NSHA/NV Coalition
- Tonya Hernandez, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
- Christy McGill, NV Department of Education
- Jessica Medulla, Washoe County School District
- Alicia Prokasky, Humboldt County School District
- Amber Reid, NV Department of Education
- Patricia Sanborn, NV Department of Education
- Bobbi Shanks, Elko County School District
- Jennifer Lords, Nevada Department of Education
- Dana Walburn, Nevada Department of Education
- Breana Taylor, Nevada Department of Education
New Hampshire

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New Hampshire Update: In Brief

Resources for Schools
• Technical Assistance Manual
• Updated Code List
• Comprehensive Billing Manual
• The NH Charitable Foundation renewed their grant to JSI to provide technical assistance to schools

Financial Support
• 6.2% FMAP (increased federal match made available to the states during the PHE)
• NH’s HCBS Plan includes funding for MTS
New Hampshire Roadside Attraction

• Mount Washington holds the world record for the highest wind gust (231 MPH).
• Hikers enjoy climbing Mount Washington. For others, there is the Cog Railway (the world’s first mountain-climbing railway) or the Mount Washington Auto Road.
New Hampshire Roster

• Henry Lipman, NH Medicaid Director
• Brooke Belanger, NH Department of Health and Human Services
• Jordan McCormick, NH Medicaid Provider Relations Managers
• Traci Fowler, NH Charitable Foundation
• Melissa Lee, University of NH Cooperative Extension
• Nick D’Agostino, Manchester School District
• Gretchen Roussin, Rochester School District
• Amy Daniels, Melissa Schoemmell, Grace Roy, JSI Research & Training Institute
• Christine Brennan, Rebecca Fredette, & Jen Doris, NH DOE
New Mexico

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New Mexico Update: In Brief

What progress has your state team made since November 2021?
• MAC Implementation Plan submitted to CMS 3/11/22
• SPA submitted to CMS 3/7/22
• NMAC revision process completed for 7/1/22 effective date

What are the biggest challenges facing school Medicaid programs this spring?
• Repeated transition between remote & in-person learning

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?
• Very Large Array – National Radio Astronomy Observatory
New Mexico Roster

- Christie Guinn, NM Human Services Dept.
- Ashley Garcia, NM Public Education Dept.
- Clara Spinks, Espanola Public Schools
- D’Leese Jones, Grants-Cibola County Schools
- Liza Tinguely, Las Cruces Public Schools
- Cindy Wilcox, Regional Education Cooperative #6
- Victoria Galarza, Gadsden Independent School District
- Lisa Crawford, New Mexico School Nurse Assn.
- Vanessa Skrehot, NM Human Services Dept.
- Kacey Kim, NM Human Services Dept.
- Ashley Zamora, NM Human Services Dept.
Ohio

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Ohio Roster

• Steve Wagner, Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio
• Kelly Vyzral, Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio
• Allyson VanHorn, Ohio Department of Health
• Ann Connelly, Ohio Department of Health
• Angela Norton, Ohio Department of Health
• Bernadette Laughlin, Ohio Department of Education
• Mark Smith, Ohio Department of Education
• Lesley Scott-Charlton, Ohio Department of Medicaid
South Carolina

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South Carolina Update: In Brief

What progress has your state team made since November 2021?
- Understanding the school based mental health services landscape and district needs
- Collaboration with SC Medicaid, which has resulted in a partial lift of the Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) moratorium for school based mental health services
- TPL

What are the biggest challenges facing school Medicaid programs this spring?
- Finding, hiring, and training mental health staff and/or supporting staff
- Expiration of telehealth flexibilities
- Managed Care Organization (MCO) enrollment & authorizations

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?
- Pearl Fryar’s Topiary Garden
South Carolina Roster

- Barbara Drayton, SC Dept. of Ed.
- Victoria Ladd, SC Dept. of Ed./ SCDHEC
- Vanesha Perrin, SC Dept. of Ed
- Sylvia Tutt, SC Dept. of Ed.
Tennessee
Tennessee Update: In Brief

• Effective July 1, 2022, PT, OT, ST and audiology services included in the IEP may be ordered by the student’s PCP, treating provider OR the treating Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist.

• Medically necessary, covered school-based nursing services in the IHP will be billable by TennCare effective July 1, 2022.

• The biggest challenge facing TN’s school Medicaid program this spring is increasing the number of TennCare MCO contracted LEAs.

• One of the best TN roadside attraction is the Titanic Replica in Pigeon Forge, TN.
Tennessee Roster

- Molly Sudderth, NashvilleHealth
- Shawn Smith, Division of TennCare
- Vincent Pinkney, Division of TennCare
- Lisa Nistler, Metro Public Health Dept, Nashville/Davidson County/Metro Schools
- Lori Paisley, Tennessee Department of Education
Virginia

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Virginia Update: In Brief

- The SPA was submitted to CMS to expand Medicaid reimbursable school based services with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2022
- DOE and DMAS provided a training, “What your school division needs to do to prepare for the expansion.” Future trainings will target select audience and topics, including reimbursement.

What is the best roadside attraction in your state?

- The Boardwalk in Virginia Beach. Nothing like hearing the waves crash as you enjoy the fresh air. Wonderful shopping and dining options.
Virginia Roster

- Rebecca Anderson, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Jill Robinson, Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- Amy Edwards, Virginia Department of Education
Washington

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Washington Update: In Brief

Progress:

- Effective July 1, 2022, school districts who participate in the SBHS program (FFS reimbursement for IEP/IFSP services) will no longer be required to provide local match per the IGT process.

- HCA is in the process of creating a “School-Based Medicaid Behavioral Health Supports and Billing Toolkit”. The toolkit will be available to local education agencies within the next few months.

Challenge: Behavioral health workforce shortages

- The need has continued to grow, as a result of the pandemic, and the workforce has not been able to keep up. This has affected services in all areas including and not limited to in schools, in community-based centers, residential and inpatient treatment, etc.

Roadside attraction: Apple orchards
Washington Roster

- Ann Gray, Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Liz Venuto, Washington Health Care Authority
- Shanna Muirhead, Washington State Health Care Authority
- Stacey Bushaw, Washington State Health Care Authority
- Sandy Lennon, School Based Health Alliance
- Jennifer Helseth, WA Department of Children, Youth, & Families
- Enos Mbajah, Washington State Health Care Authority
- Alexis Bates, Washington Department of Health
- Wendy Nelson, Washington State Health Care Authority
- Jennifer Price, Washington State Health Care Authority
- Jill Patnode, Kaiser Permanente
U.S. Department of Education
Efforts to Advance School Medicaid

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Break

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Contemporary Issues in School Medicaid: Coordination and Partnerships
Panelists

- Regina Zerne, California Department of Health Care Services
- Shawn Smith, TennCare
- Vanesha Perrin, South Carolina Department of Education
- Eva Stone, Jefferson County Public Schools
New LEA BOP Unit

California Department of Health Care Services
Regina Zerne, Chief
School Based Claiming Services Section
Process

➢ Justification
  ➢ Response to SPA that added new providers, services, and population
  ➢ 8 positions
  ➢ 2-year contract/5-year outreach plan
    ➢ TA and outreach to participating and non-participating LEAs

➢ Endorsement through budgeting process

➢ Hiring

➢ Onboarding and Training
Repeatable and Avoidable

➢ Justification
  ➢ Include legal or A&I position(s)

➢ Hiring
  ➢ Promote as a new unit
  ➢ Hire manager first
  ➢ Divide existing strong unit
  ➢ Ideal to hire from within the department
Meeting Wrap-up

• Same place, same time tomorrow!
• Please download the most recent version of “Zoom Client for Meetings” prior to tomorrow’s session
• Contact Lena at lena@orourkestrategies.com if you have any questions
Thank you!

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Day Two Agenda

- Addressing School Mental Health Workforce Shortages
- Contemporary Issues in School Medicaid: Expanding School Health
- We Have the Same Questions
Addressing School Mental Health Workforce Shortages

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Panelists

• Kima Joy Taylor, Anka Consulting
• Kelly Vallaincourt Strobach, National Association of School Psychologists
• Katie Dockweiler, Nevada State College
• Lynn Makor, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Contemporary Issues in School Medicaid: Expanding School Health

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Panelists

- Christie Guinn, New Mexico Human Services Department
- Ashley Garcia, New Mexico Public Education Department
- Patrick Sidmore, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Moderator: Melinda Hollinshead, Public Consulting Group
We Have the Same Questions

Addressing Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid
• Sasha Pudelski, AASA: The School Superintendents Association
• School district respondent: Kate Yager, Chicago Public Schools

Best Practices in Plans of Care
• Lena O’Rourke, Healthy Students, Promising Futures

Role of the State Education Agency in School Medicaid
• Sarah Broome, on behalf of Healthy Schools Campaign
• State respondent: Mark Smith, Ohio Department of Education
Discussion Groups

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Thank you!

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