

**MCAC Meeting - Medicaid Director's Office Updates  
March 2023**

<b>Bill # or Funding Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Earliest Realistic Implementation Date</b>
<a href="#"><u>S.B. 19</u></a>	Medicaid Dental Waiver Amendments	Cover dental benefits for Expansion adults and low-income parents. Dental benefits will be provided by University of Utah School of Dentistry.	1115 Waiver	1/1/2024
<a href="#"><u>H.B. 290</u></a>	Medicaid Waiver for Medically Complex Children Amendments	Add 190 children to the Waiver Ensure that enrolled members will stay on the program as long as they remain qualified.	1915(c) Waiver	7/1/2023
<a href="#"><u>S.B. 204</u></a>	Autism Coverage Amendments	Cover treatment for autism spectrum disorders for adults.	State Plan Amendment	7/1/2023
<a href="#"><u>S.B. 133</u></a>	Modifications to Medicaid Coverage	Cover contraceptives & family planning services for individuals up to 185% FPL. Provide 12 months continuous coverage to women after the end of pregnancy.	1115 Waiver	1/1/2024
<a href="#"><u>S.B. 126</u></a>	Hospital Assessment Amendments	Hospital assessments with a quality withhold component		
<a href="#"><u>S.B. 217</u></a>	CHIP Coverage	Expands CHIP coverage to children under 19 years of age who are a: qualified non-citizen or a lawfully	State only authority	

		present child		
<a href="#">S.B. 2 Item 104</a>	Medicaid Annual Wellcare Visits for Adults	Covers annual physicals for adults		7/1/2023
<a href="#">S.B. 3 Item 72</a>	Community Mental Health Medicaid Rate Increase	Increases rates for 5 Mental Health treatment codes (29.2% increase to 99214 (CG modifier), T1017, H2019, H2017 and 90853)	Rate Increase	7/1/2023
<a href="#">H.B. 315</a>	Recreational Therapy Medicaid Coverage Amendments	Covers services by a licensed recreational therapist in certain facilities	State Plan Amendment	1/1/2024
<a href="#">S.B. 3 Item 360</a>	HCBS Waiver Rates Increase	Increase the rate for several services that support activities of daily living (ADL)	1915(c)	7/1/2023
	Increase Air Ambulance Medicaid Rate	Increase the fixed and variable rates for fixed and rotary ring ambulance	Rate Increase	7/1/2023
	Increasing Acute and Continuous PDN Care	Increase rates for Private Duty Nursing	Rate Increase	7/1/2023
	New Choices Waiver Rate Increase	Increase the rate for assisted living and memory care facilities	Rate Increase	7/1/2023

	Medically Assisted Treatment Administration Fee Increase	Increase the administration/dispensing fee for clinic-based Methadone treatment	Rate Increase	7/1/2023
<a href="#">S.B. 237</a>	Dental Hygienist Amendments	Creates certain conditions under which dental hygienists can operate without a collaborative practice agreement.	Policy change	5/3/2023
	Nursing Home Rate Add-On for Wages		Rate Increase	7/1/2023
	Equal Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Autism	Increase reimbursement for Applied Behavioral Analysis providers	Rate Increase	7/1/2023
<a href="#">HB 248</a>	Mental Health Services for Adults	Requires OSUMH to develop a plan to guide development of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams. Provides \$1,000,000 (one time) to expand ACT teams	\$1,000,000 One time Funds	
	Social Detox Rate Increase	Increase Medicaid Rate for Social Detox from \$89 dollars per day to \$175 per day.	Rate Increase	7/1/23
	Behavioral Health Prescription Digital Therapeutic Pilot	Pilot for the use of FDA-authorized prescription digital therapeutics in the treatment of SUD in the Medicaid population.		

**PRISM Updates:**

-“Freeze” of the Legacy MMIS and MMCS systems began on Monday, March 13th, 2023

-Medicaid staff continues provider training efforts

-Many training resources available [online](#)

-Please visit our website to enroll or request a live training today!

-Extended hours of service from April 3 - 21st

-Customer service lines, Monday - Friday

Information on the coverage and reimbursement lookup tool:

On April 3, 2023, Medicaid will be launching its new system known as PRISM. In some cases, PRISM will process claims differently than the old Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). As of March 13, 2023 fee-for-service claims will be processed using the logic found in PRISM, which incorporates the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), updated policy, rules and/or regulations. Claims processed through managed care may also change, depending on which managed care plan is processing the claim. With the implementation of PRISM, the Division of Integrated Healthcare will be posting a new Coverage and Reimbursement Tool (CRT).

As a part of the change, providers will need to interact with the new tool differently than with the old tool found at <https://health.utah.gov/stplan/lookup/CoverageLookup.php>. In the old tool, providers were able to enter their provider type to look up individual codes. In the new tool, providers will need to use a Provider Allowable Code (PAC) in order to look up an individual code. The fee schedule is not changing as a result of PRISM; however, the conversion from provider type to PAC is not exactly a one-to-one conversion. Because of these changes, providers will need to use the new tool for all claims adjudicated after March 13, 2023.

The old CRT will be available on the Medicaid website for at least 12 months after go-live. The new CRT will be available a few weeks after the launch of PRISM. Additional information and training will be available as we get closer to implementation of the new CRT. For questions regarding coverage during the freeze, please contact [PRISM@utah.gov](mailto:PRISM@utah.gov).

**Program Updates:**

MCCW - We have received 286 new applications since Oct 1, 2023 and of these 186 have been accepted into the program. We now have about 600 enrollees (out of 710 available slots) enrolled in the MCCW program. (Note: The MCCW program capacity is 900 individuals after the 1915c waiver is approved from CMS)

[Housing Related Support Services](#) (HRSS)- Approved by CMS October 2022, the Housing Related Services and Supports (HRSS) program provides housing-related services and supports in the form of tenancy support, community transition and supportive living services to Medicaid members experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, transportation insecurity, interpersonal violence and/or trauma. HRSS services are provided under the authority of Utah's 1115 Demonstration Waiver.

Update: 63 people are receiving HRSS services across 3 providers. Medicaid is working with 4 additional providers to be added to the panel.