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MCAC Director's Report

CCBHC

- A <u>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</u> was recently released for the purpose of developing and implementing Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). Utah Medicaid is applying for this \$1million planning grant. (Application due September 12, 2024)
- CCBHCs are designed to provide comprehensive behavioral health services with coordination to help people navigate other health care systems.
- There have been a handful of Medicaid providers that have become CCBHCs, but so far Utah Medicaid has not joined. Medicaid agencies can support CCBHCs by developing a cost reimbursement and policy framework to develop providers.

EPSDT Manual released September 2024 with ongoing work to develop website

Justice Reentry Initiative Work

- Underlying purpose of Utah Medicaid's Justice work is to Improve access to services and continuity of coverage
- Utah Medicaid has received waiver approval, but is now in the implementation phase. Implementation plan is due by November 2024, but Medicaid is trying to complete it earlier.
- After the implementation plan is completed, Utah Medicaid will work with stakeholders on facility readiness and a reinvestment plan.
- A Stakeholder Workgroup is being assembled with legislative, correctional, and behavioral health representatives that will advise DHHS on this implementation.
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Section 5121, also requires states to provide certain screening, diagnostic, and case management services to certain Medicaid and CHIP youth. Utah Medicaid is incorporating these obligations into the waiver implementation.

