

# Medicaid Director's Office Updates

## MCAC Meeting

October 17, 2024

### Policy Updates

- State CHIP
  - State CHIP Enrollment is projected to reach its capacity with available funding. Open enrollment will be closing October 31, 2024
  - Children who are currently enrolled will continue to be covered when open enrollment ends.
  - Over 1,700 members are currently enrolled. Enrolled members will be able to renew their eligibility at their next review date.
  - Enrollment will re-open based on available funding.
- Native American Health Amendment Waiver
  - As directed by [SB181 \(2024 G.S.\)](#), DHHS is preparing submission of this waiver.
  - On October 16, 2024, CMS approved similar waivers for the first time for [Arizona](#), [California](#), [New Mexico](#), and [Oregon](#).
- Integrated Care Manual
  - New provider manual to be published in November 2024.
  - The medical policy team developed this new manual as a guide for providers on the different integrated care models that exist and their respective requirements. Integrated models include, but are not limited to, chronic care management, behavioral health integration, transitional care management, and advanced care planning.

- The manual provides essential coding and billing guidelines, ensuring that services rendered align with Medicaid policy and can be appropriately reimbursed.
- Behavioral Health Manual
  - New provider manual to be published in November 2024.
  - Improved formatting, organization, and readability of the manual.
  - Incorporates new providers that were created by [SB 26 \(2024 G.S.\)](#):
    - Master addiction counselor
    - Behavioral health coach
    - Behavioral health technician
  - Standardized sections within the manual on general requirements, provider participation, limitations, and coding and billing.
- Physician Assistant codes
  - As directed by [SB 24 \(2024 G.S.\)](#)
  - Effective November, Medicaid is opening additional billable codes for physician assistants to reflect the expanded scope of practice.
  - Revisions to the physician services provider manual and state plan will also be updated.
  - Although not directed by statute, Medicaid is likewise updating codes for nurse practitioners to be consistent.