

SOUTH CAROLINA

Healthy Connections



Autism Spectrum Disorders

# Proposed Medicaid Coverages

Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

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# Where we are...

- Currently spending approximately \$17m per year at a cost of \$16-18,000 per person.
- Kids aged 3-11 can only receive 3 years of services
- Services are bound by provider capacity and availability
- 1 in 68 kids have an ASD, or about 9,000 Medicaid kids in SC
- CMS recognizes states frequently use waivers to control utilization and spend
- CMS provided guidance in the use of different authorities (including EPSDT) to cover a variety of therapies (e.g., Applied Behavior Analysis)

# Looking Forward...

- Examining all options, but will likely pursue State Plan authority to cover behavioral therapies for ASD's
- Looking at other states that have created state plan service arrays
- Clinical staff reviewing CMS' environmental scan and evaluating literature establishing evidence for value of available and emerging therapies and treatments
- Working with Milliman and Mercer to project future budget impact and to pursue appropriate service authorities
- Listening to stakeholders in considering SCDHHS' strategy
- "What about the future of the PDD Waiver?"