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# **Medicaid Advisory Council (MAC)**

## **Feb. 11, 2025**

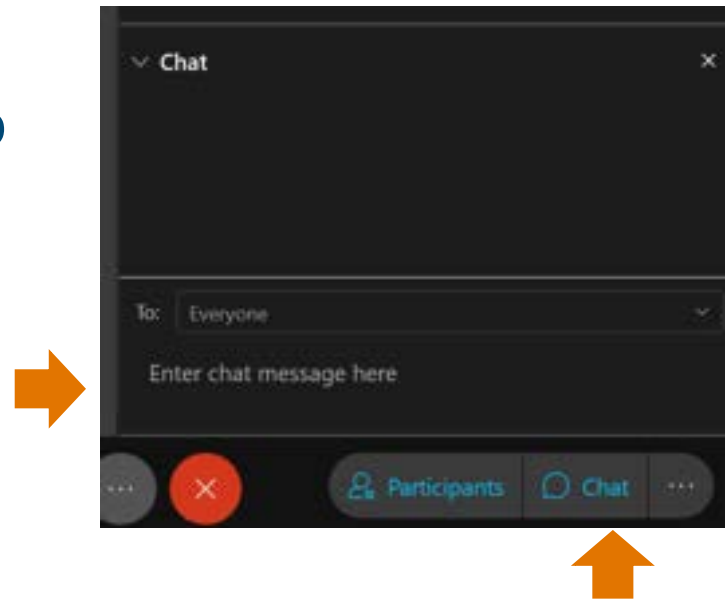
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# Meeting Logistics

- Attendee lines will be muted for the duration of the webinar to minimize disruption.
- MAC members are welcome to comment or ask questions throughout the meeting.
- All other attendees who wish to comment or ask questions should do so during the specified public comment periods.
- Use the chat feature in Webex.



# Director's Welcome

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Eunice Medina, Interim Director

# Medicaid Advisory Council - Bylaws

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Shadda Winterhalter, Strategic Initiatives Specialist

# MAC Bylaws

*(Effective Feb. 11, 2025)*

- Purpose

- Advise the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) on optimizing Medicaid services
- Focus on improving healthcare for the vulnerable populations
- Provide recommendations on Medicaid program policies, operations and cost-efficiency

- Membership

- Council members appointed for 1-year non-consecutive terms.
- It includes representation from consumer groups, health care providers, Medicaid MCOs and state agencies.
- Council members may be replaced if unable to complete their term.

# MAC Bylaws *(cont.)*

*(Effective Feb. 11, 2025)*

- Meetings
  - Meetings held quarterly either in-person, virtual or hybrid.
  - Public participation is allowed with advance notice.
- Public participation
  - Citizens may attend meetings and submit requests to speak.
  - Presentations limited to two minutes and total public participation is 15 minutes.
- Amendments
  - By-laws may be amended by the Medicaid director, with member consultation.



# Medicaid Enrollment

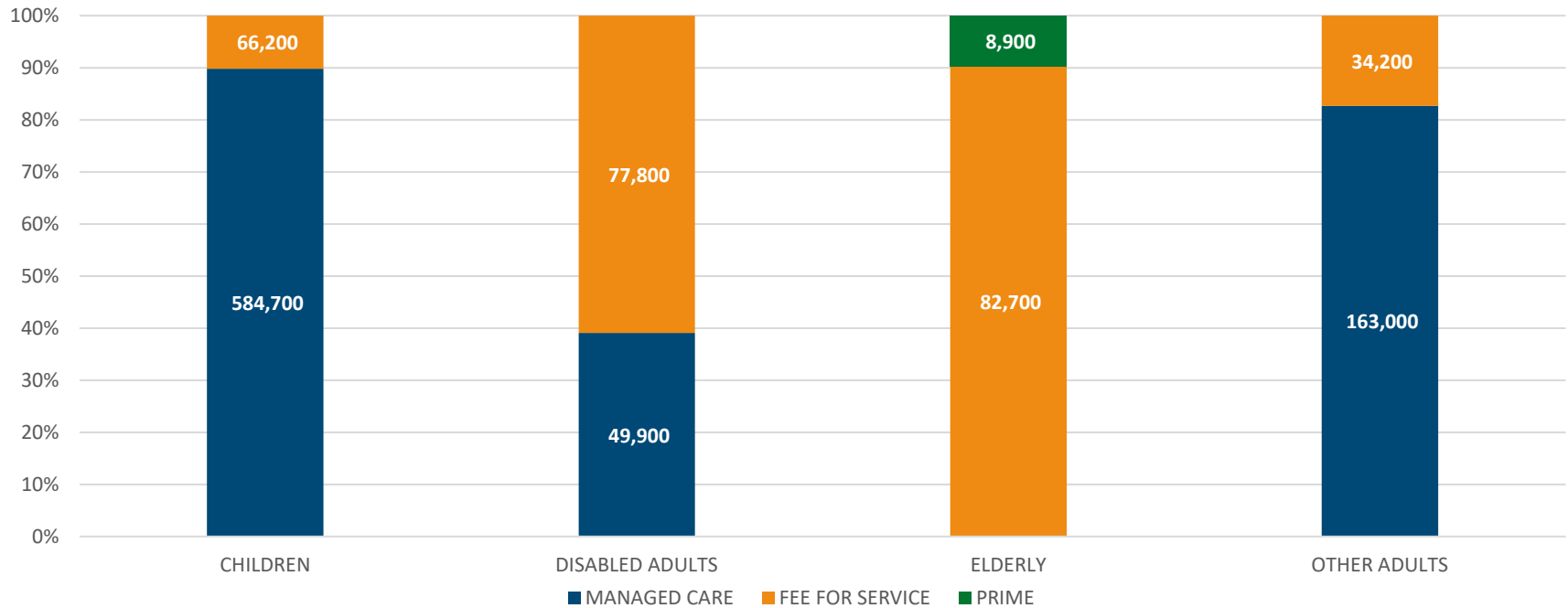
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Lori Risk, Bureau Chief

Eligibility, Enrollment and Member Services Policy and Contracts

# Full-benefit membership by Population

(as of Dec. 31, 2024)



Total Full Benefit Enrollment: Approx. 1.07 million



# Advisement: Pediatric HIV Clinics

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Margaret Alewine, Chief of Policy

# Background

- SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to update the Outpatient AIDS Pediatric Clinic (OPAC) services reimbursement methodology and update the name to Pediatric HIV Clinic (PHC).
- SCDHHS is making this change to support access to care, standardize reimbursement and improve Medicaid members' health outcomes.
- PHCs provide specialty care, consultation and counseling services for Medicaid members under 21 years of age at risk for or with HIV.

# Proposed Changes

- Effective on or after July 1, 2025, SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to update the OPAC services reimbursement methodology and update the name to PHC.
  - PHCs will be reimbursed for services as a set of all-inclusive rates
- These changes will move the reimbursement of these services from contractual agreements to the SCDHHS fee schedule and align the name of the clinics with current medical terminology.

# Proposed Changes

## Budgetary Impact

- SCDHHS anticipates a budgetary impact of \$30,500 (total dollars).

## Effective Date

- On or after July 1, 2025

# Public Comment

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# **Advisement: Update to Prior Authorization Requirements for Out-of-state Providers**

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Margaret Alewine, Chief of Policy



# Background

- SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to clarify the policy for prior authorization requirements for members placed or referred to an out-of-state provider.

# Proposed Changes

- Effective on or after April 1, 2025, SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to clarify the prior authorization requirements for when a Healthy Connections Medicaid member is placed or referred to an out-of-state provider.
- The change clarifies for referrals out-of-state the referring physician must obtain prior approval before services rendered out-of-state are reimbursed.

# Budget Impact and Effective Date

## Budgetary Impact

- No budget impact.

## Effective Date

- On or after April 1, 2025

# Public Comment

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# **Advisement: Consolidated Appropriations Act Youth Re-entry Requirements**

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Margaret Alewine, Chief of Policy

# Background

- SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to meet mandatory requirements set forth in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, aimed at facilitating community reintegration for incarcerated youth.
- States are required to suspend rather than terminate Medicaid for:
  - Adjudicated youth committed to a juvenile facility, and
  - Individuals who were formerly in foster care between ages 19 and 26 who are incarcerated.

# Background

- States are required to collaborate with carceral entities to cover targeted services for this population prior to and after release from juvenile justice facilities, state prisons, and local jails, which includes provision of:
  - Diagnostic and screening services
    - Behavioral health, medical and dental screenings that are required under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
    - Timeline
      - 30 days prior to release *-or-*
      - Within seven days of release *-or-*
      - As “soon as practicable” post-release
  - Targeted case management including referrals to services
    - Timeline
      - 30 days prior to their release *-and-*
      - For at least 30 days following release

# Implementation

- SCDHHS has completed an operational plan outlining steps for full implementation that will occur by Jan. 1, 2026.
  - South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and the South Carolina Department of Corrections will be primary entities with populations of adjudicated youth.
  - Local jails/detention centers are also subject to this requirement. However, their population is generally pre-adjudicatory.



# Budget Impact and Effective Date

## **Budgetary Impact:**

- No budgetary impact for FY2025.

## **Effective Date:**

- On or after Jan. 1, 2025.

# Public Comment

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# Policy Updates

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Margaret Alewine, Chief of Policy

# Policy Update Bulletins

- Updates to Interaction Between Medicaid HCBS Waiver Programs and the Hospice Benefit
  - [MB# 24-072](#)
- Updates to Telehealth Flexibilities Issued During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
  - [MB# 24-070](#)

# Federal Grant: Innovations in Behavioral Health

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Melanie Hendricks, Director of Behavioral Health

# About the Grant

- South Carolina is one of four states awarded an eight-year grant through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Innovation Center to implement the Innovation in Behavioral Health (IBH) model.
- The IBH model aims to test a value-based payment approach that enables behavioral health practices to integrate behavioral health care with physical health care and health-related social needs (HRSN).

# About the Grant *(cont.)*

## IBH Objectives and Intended Outcomes

### OBJECTIVES



**Improve care quality and health outcomes** for people with moderate to severe BH conditions, including mental health (MH) conditions and/or substance use disorders (SUDs).



**Support BH practices** to provide integrated, person-centered care in a BH setting, working with other providers as part of an **interprofessional care management team** to address beneficiaries' BH and PH needs as well as HRSNs.

### INTENDED OUTCOMES



Enhanced quality and delivery of **whole person care**



Increased access to BH, PH, and HRSN services



Improved health and equity **outcomes**

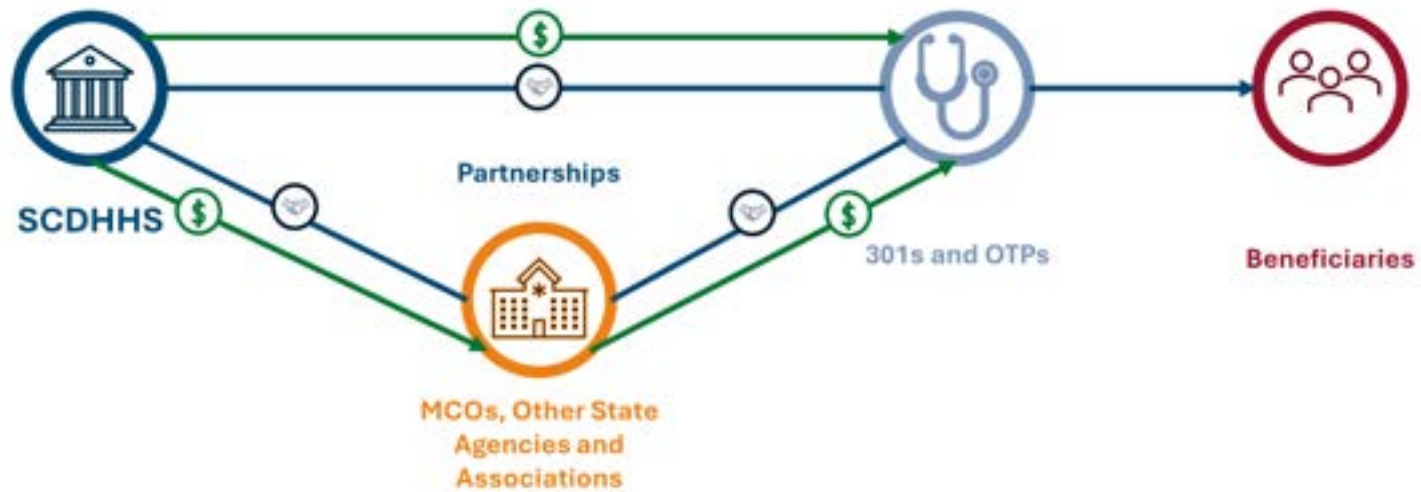


Fewer **avoidable emergency department** and inpatient visits



Strengthened **health information technology (IT) systems capacity**

# About the Grant *(cont.)*





# About the Grant *(cont.)*

## Model Timeline

*The IBH Model will run for 8 years total, including a 3-year pre-implementation and 5-year implementation period.*

Key Activity	Timing
State recipient pre-implementation period	Q4 2024 - Q3 2027
Practice participant enrollment period	Q4 2025 - Q3 2028
Practice participant pre-implementation period	Q4 2025 - Q3 2027
Implementation period (state recipients and practice participants)	Q4 2027 - Q3 2032

*\*Timelines are subject to change.*

# Federal Grant: Transforming Maternal Health

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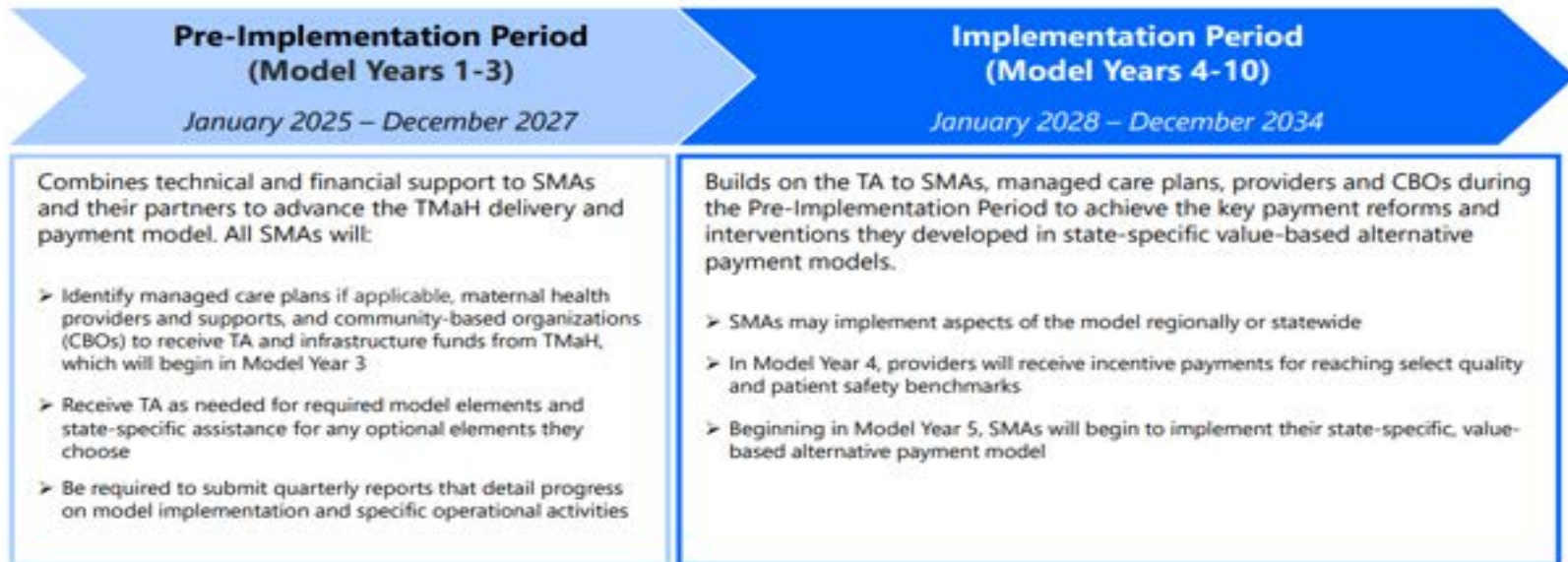
Jordan Desai, Acting Deputy Director of Programs

# About the Grant

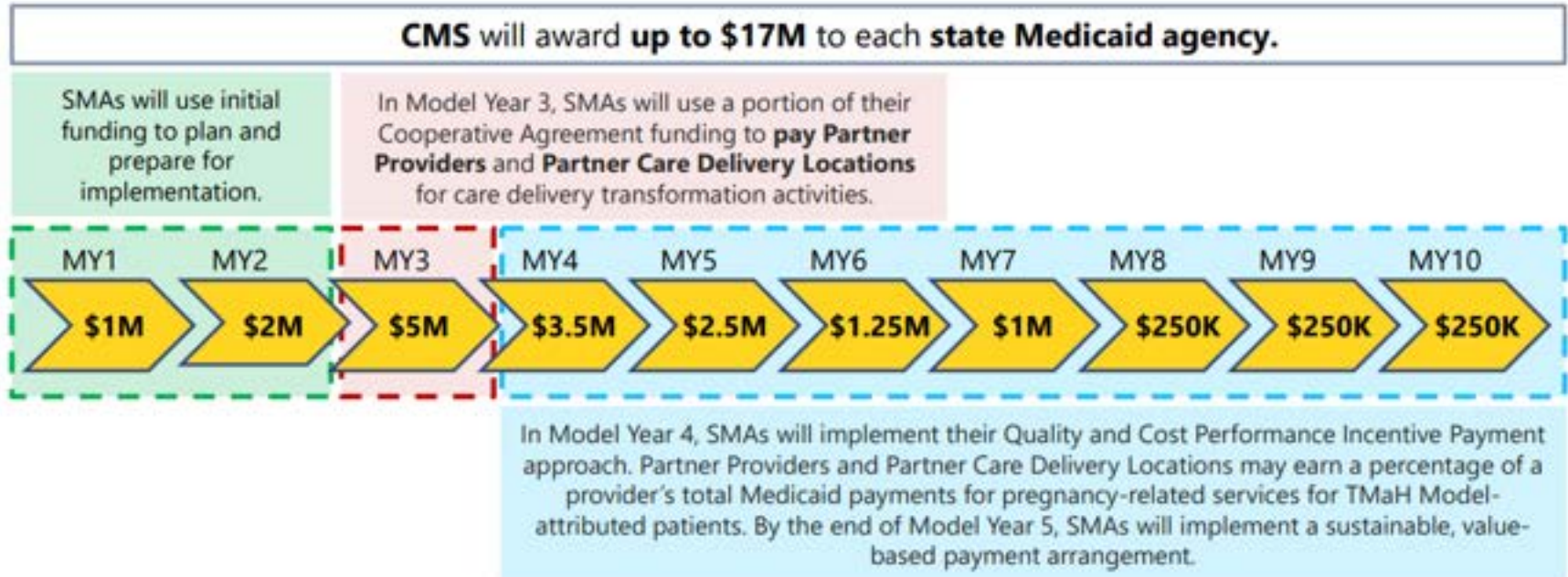
- South Carolina is one of fifteen states awarded a ten-year grant through the CMS to implement the Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model.
- The TMaH model is designed to focus exclusively on improving maternal health care for people enrolled in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through a whole-person approach to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care. The model focuses on addressing the person's physical, mental health and social needs during pregnancy.

# Model Timeline

TMaH model's approach to maternal health includes a Pre-Implementation Period focused on tailored, state-specific technical assistance (TA) that will prepare SMAs to successfully implement the care delivery interventions and payment methods in the Implementation Period.



# Funding Cadence



Award amounts may vary based on factors such as the size and needs of Medicaid and CHIP populations to be served by the Model, as well as the overall scope of project as described in the application. All awards are subject to availability of funds. Annual budgets are subject to negotiation, and the maximum funding amounts listed in the graphic above are not guaranteed.



# TMaH in South Carolina

