NC Department of Health and Human Services

The State of Behavioral Health and IDD Services in North Carolina

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Agenda

1. Big Picture
2. Behavioral Health Strategic Plan
3. Medicaid Transformation / Integrated Health
4. Opioids
5. Healthy Opportunities
BIG PICTURE
North Carolina by the Numbers:

• With over 10 million people, North Carolina is the 10th fastest growing state in the nation.
• 2.2 million people have Medicaid; 1 million people are uninsured
• 1 in 20 people are living with a serious mental illness
• 1 in 20 people are living with an opioid use or heroin use disorder
• 2nd highest death rate in the nation from opioid misuse.
• Over 1400 people died by suicide in 2017. Five per week were Veterans. Youth rate has nearly doubled since 2010
• 1 in 58 children has autism
• There are 128,000 adults and children in NC with an Intellectual Developmental Disability – 12k on the Waiver; 12k Waiting.
• Nearly 80,000 people sustained a traumatic brain injury last year
• Over 16,000 kids in foster care
• 25,000 people were re-entered society from prison last year
• 9,000 people experiencing homelessness; over 800 are veterans

Various sources.
Key Challenges:

- Chronically underfunded mental healthcare system
  - Over 1 million people are uninsured
  - Half of the opioid overdoses presenting in EDs are uninsured
  - 56% of adults with mental illness don’t receive treatment
- Stigma
- Bifurcated payment systems
- Imbalance of community-based services relative to inpatient and residential care
  - ED boarding
  - Insufficient community-based resources
- NC ranks 30th in US in ACEs prevalence
- Opioid Crisis – straining an already stretched behavioral health system

Various sources.
Strategy: Vision, Mission, and Goals

In February 2017, the Department issued a behavioral health strategic plan, identifying two broad areas for strengthening the system: (1) integration and (2) access.

Vision for Behavioral Health in North Carolina: North Carolinians will have access to integrated behavioral, developmental, and physical health services across their lifespan. We will increase the quality and capacity of services and supports in partnership with providers, clients, family members, and communities to promote hope and resilience and achieve wellness and recovery.

The strategic plan grounds our efforts in data and key indicators of performance across our system.

DMH/DD/SAS Mission: Through the lens of behavioral health, we aim to lead with our ideas to identify gaps, invest in promising interventions, and efficiently scale a system that promotes health and wellness for all North Carolinians across all payers, providers, and points of care.

1. **Access**: Increase overall availability and access to high-quality behavioral health services and IDD supports; right-care, right-time, and right-setting.
2. **Integration**: Integrate behavioral healthcare into primary and physical care.
3. **System performance**: Improve oversight and regulatory regime to optimize system performance while maintaining safeguards.
4. **Operational excellence**: Strive for operational excellence and continuous improvement in our internal operations and regulatory functions.
5. **Boundless behavioral health**: Advance policies and narratives that reinforce the Division as competent thought leaders and service-oriented partners.
Key system gaps and initiatives were outlined in the Behavioral Health Strategic Plan – work is underway implementing these efforts.

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| • Coverage gap – one million people in NC have no routine access to care;  
  • Geographic imbalance to services, providers and inpatient beds  
  • Emergency room “boarding”  
  • Service-array imbalance or lack of evidence to services provided  
  • Workforce - variations in provider capacities, training, and skills.  
  • Service navigation and supports  
  • Opioid treatment, especially in rural communities | • 1115 waiver as part of transformation – SUD amendment  
  • Telehealth and telepsychiatry policy; UNC ECHO  
  • Home and Community Based Services  
  • Community collaboratives  
  • Behavioral Health Crisis Referral System (BH-CRSys)  
  • Peer Support  
  • Step-down services; respite; pre/post inpatient care |
| **INTEGRATION** | |
| • Physical and Behavioral Health  
  • Continuum of Service  
  • Criminal Justice System  
  • Schools Services  
  • Social Determinants of Health (healthy food, safe housing, transportation, etc.) | • Medicaid transformation  
  • Transitions focused team  
  • Jail-based MAT; ED-Induction; Jail Diversion/Re-Entry  
  • School based interventions, training, CALM  
  • Healthy Opportunities: NC Care 360  
  • Routine Screening of Children and Adults  
  • Transitions to Community Living (TCLI)  
  • Awareness, training  
  • Robust communication between providers |
MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION INTEGRATED HEALTH
History of Delivery

1963: Area Mental Health Programs
   Local Management Entity (LME) Providing Service

2001-2003: Disinvestment & Privatization
   Divest Staffing → Contractors

Period of LME Consolidation

2013: Behavioral Health MCOs implemented statewide

Today: Seven LME/MCOs
Medicaid Transformation Goals
= Buy Health

• Transforming from state run Medicaid program to a managed care administered system
• Using best practices from other states and building on the existing infrastructure in NC

1. Behavioral Health Integration
2. Advanced Medical Homes
3. Value-Based Purchasing
4. Healthy Opportunities
Physical and Behavioral Health Integration

• Single point of accountability for care and outcomes; reduces clinical risk and gives beneficiaries one insurance card

• Standard Plans
  – “Primary care” behavioral health spend included in PHP capitation rate
  – Beneficiaries benefit from integrated physical & behavioral health services
  – Phase 1 begins – November 2019

• Tailored Plans
  – Specialized managed care plans targeted toward populations with significant BH and I/DD needs
  – Access to expanded service array
  – Behavioral Health Homes
  – Delayed start
Promoting Quality, Value and Population Health

• **Statewide Quality Strategy**
  – PHPs will be monitored on 33 quality measures against national benchmarks and state targets

• **Advanced Medical Homes**
  – 4 tiers of participation, with practice requirements, payment models and performance incentive payment expectations differing by tier.
  – Sophisticated data capabilities needed across the state, the plans, and the practices/CINs

• **Value-Based Payment**
  – By the end of Year 2 of PHP operations, the portion of each PHP’s medical expenditures governed under VBP arrangements will either:
    • Increase by 20 percentage points, or
    • Represent at least 50% of total medical expenditures.
Prepaid Health Plans

Create single point of accountability for care and outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries through two types of Plans

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- Phased implementation – Nov. 2019 & Feb. 2020

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- Access to expanded service array
- Behavioral Health Homes
- Projected for July 2021
PHPs for NC Medicaid Managed Care

Statewide contracts

• AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina, Inc.
• Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Inc.
• UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, Inc.
• WellCare of North Carolina, Inc.

Regional contract – Regions 3 & 5

• Carolina Complete Health, Inc.
Managed Care Regions and Rollout Dates

Rollout Phase 1: Nov. 2019 – Regions 2 and 4
Rollout Phase 2: Feb. 2020 – Regions 1, 3, 5 and 6
Tailored Plans
Overview of Eligible Population

TP Populations:

- Qualifying I/DD diagnosis
- Innovations and TBI Waiver enrollees and those on waitlists
- Qualifying Serious Mental Illness (SMI) or Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) diagnosis who have used an enhanced service
- Those with two or more psychiatric inpatient stays or readmissions within 18 months
- Qualifying Substance Use Disorder (SUD) diagnosis and who have used an enhanced service
- Medicaid enrollees requiring TP-only benefits
- Transition to Community Living Initiative (TCLI) enrollees
- Children with complex needs settlement population
- Children ages 0-3 years with, or at risk for, I/DDs who meet eligibility criteria
- Children involved with the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety and Delinquency Prevention Programs who meet eligibility criteria
- NC Health Choice enrollees who meet eligibility criteria
## Benefit Packages

Only BH I/DD TPs will cover a subset of high-intensity State Plan BH services; TBI, Innovations and 1915(b)(3) waiver services; and State-funded BH, I/DD, and TBI services

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**Enhanced behavioral health services are italicized**

*DHHS will submit a State Plan Amendment to add this service to the State Plan

### Waiver Services

- Innovations waiver services
- TBI waiver services
- 1915(b)(3) services (excluding peer supports if moved to state plan)

### State-Funded BH and I/DD Services

### State-Funded TBI Services
Overview of BH I/DD TP Care Management Approach

NC DHHS

Establishes care management standards for BH I/DD TPs aligning with federal Health Home requirements

All approaches will be subject to one set of requirements and will provide care management across physical health, behavioral health, I/DD, and other services and the enrollee’s unmet health-related resource needs.

The BH I/DD TP will act as the Health Home and will be responsible for meeting federal Health Home requirements.

Care Management Approaches

BH I/DD TPs have flexibility in how they provide care management, as long as the approach meets DHHS standards and care management is provided in the community to the maximum extent possible.

Approach 1: Tier 3 AMH with BH and/or I/DD Certification*

DHHS will create specialized BH and I/DD certifications for Tier 3 AMHs that serve a substantial number of BH I/DD TP enrollees and have experience serving these populations.

Approach 2: Care Management Agencies (CMAs)*

BH I/DD TPs contract with agencies such as those that provide BH or I/DD services (e.g., mental health or substance use agencies, home care agencies, etc.) that obtain CMA certification.

Approach 3: BH I/DD TP-Employed Care Managers

BH I/DD TPs may provide care management in certain circumstances that will be outlined in more detail by DHHS.

*Tier 3 AMHs or CMAs may contract with a clinically integrated network (CIN) for certain care management and data sharing functions.
What beneficiaries can expect
Understanding MC Impacts to Beneficiaries

What’s New

1. Beneficiaries will be able to choose their own health care plan
2. Most, but not all, people will be in Medicaid Managed Care
3. An enrollment broker will assist with choice

What’s Staying the Same

1. Eligibility rules will stay the same
2. Same health services/treatments/supplies will be covered
3. The beneficiary Medicaid Co-Pays, if any, will stay the same
4. Beneficiaries report changes to local DSS
Medicaid Expansion

500,000 New projected enrollees due to expansion, including a disproportionate number of rural North Carolinians

$4 billion Annual federal dollars NC leaves on the table

43,000+ Jobs created in the first five years of expansion

90% Share of costs paid by the federal government – no new state appropriation needed to fund the state share

Now is the time to:
- Improve overall health of NC (ranked 37th)
- Advance rural economic vitality, health
- Build sustainable infrastructure to combat the opioid epidemic
- Put downward pressure on everyone’s premiums
Beneficiary Experience – Auto Assignment

Beneficiaries who don’t choose a health plan will be assigned one automatically, consistent with the following components in this order:

1. Where the beneficiary lives.

2. Whether the beneficiary is a member of a special population (e.g. member of federally recognized tribes or BH I/DD Tailored Plan eligible).

3. If the beneficiary has a historic relationship with a particular PCP/AMH.

4. Plan assignments of other family members.

5. If the beneficiary has a historic relationship with a particular PHP in the previous twelve (12) months (e.g., “churned” off/into Medicaid Managed Care).
Member Timeline – Phase 1

2019

Feb
- Initial letter sent to beneficiaries in 2 counties
- Address verification letter sent to remaining counties

March
- Flyers posted at DSS
- Address corrections to DSS

April
- 2nd letter to members
- Member Outreach activities

May
- Public Service Announcements
- PHP marketing materials

June 3RD
- EB Call Center Open
- Welcome Packets mailed

July
- Open Enrollment Begins - July 15th

Aug

Sept
- Open Enrollment Ends - Sept 13th
- Members auto assigned to PHPs based on algorithm

Oct
- Member ID cards
- Member Handbooks

Nov 1ST
Managed Care Launch - Phase 1

Dec
- Member feedback
- Evaluation of materials, process
Member Timeline - Phase 2

2019

June 3rd
- EB Call Center Open
- Outreach Activities

July
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- Address corrections to DSS

Aug
- Letters to members
- Member Outreach activities

Sept 2nd
Enrollment Welcome Packets

Oct
- Open Enrollment Begins- Oct 14th

Nov

Dec
- Open Enrollment Ends- Dec 13th

2020

Jan
- Member ID cards
- Member Handbooks

Feb 1st
Managed Care Launch- Phase 2

March
- Member feedback
- Evaluation of materials, process
What providers can expect
Provider Experience in Managed Care

Addressing Administrative Burden:

• a centralized and streamlined provider enrollment and credentialing process;

• transparent, timely and fair payments for providers;

• a single statewide drug formulary that all PHPs will be required to utilize;

• same services covered in Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service (with exception of services carved out of Medicaid Managed Care)

• Department’s definition of “medical necessity” used by PHPs when making coverage decisions; and

• providers offered some contracting “guardrails”, standard PHP contract language
### Managed Care Impacts on Providers

#### Contract/Payment

- Potential contract with multiple PHPs, CINs
- Opportunity to negotiate rates*
- Understanding contract terms, conditions, payment and reimbursement methodologies
- Network adequacy and out of networks standards
- AMH program/tiered payments

* rate floors apply

#### Information/Problem Solving

- Build relationships with health plans
- PHP provider assistance line
- Provider appeals procedures specified in PHP provider manual
- DHHS provider ombudsman to assist with problem solving
- Opportunities to provide feedback i.e. AMH TAG
AMH Tiers Compared

**Tiers 1 and 2**

- **SP retains** primary responsibility for care management
- Practice requirements are the same as for Carolina ACCESS
- **Providers will need to coordinate across multiple plans**: practices will need to interface with multiple SPs, which will retain primary care management responsibility; PHPs may employ different approaches to care management

**Tier 3**

- **PHP delegates** primary responsibility for delivering care management to the practice level (see next slide)
- **Single, consistent care management approach**: Practices will have the option to provide care management in-house or through a single CIN/other partner across all Tier 3 SP contracts
- **Initial attestation process closed 1/31**: based on attestation data, majority of SP beneficiaries are expected to be attributed to Tier 3 practices

**Tier 4: To launch at a later date**
Deep Dive on Tier 3 AMHs

Tier 3 AMHs are responsible for delivering care management at the practice level, including:

**Tier 3 Responsibilities**

- **Risk stratify** all empaneled patients
- **Provide care management to high-need patients**, which includes (but is not limited to):
  - Conducting a comprehensive assessment of enrollees’ needs
  - Establishing a multi-disciplinary care team for each enrollee
  - Developing a care plan for each enrollee
  - Coordinating all needed services (physical health, behavioral health, social services, etc.)
  - Providing in-person assistance securing unmet resource needs (e.g. nutrition services, income supports, etc.)
  - Conducting medication management, including regular medication reconciliation and support of medication adherence
  - Providing transitional care management as enrollees change clinical settings
- **Receive claims data feeds** (directly or via a CIN/other partner) and meet state-designated security standards for their storage and use
OPIOID USE DISORDER
Statewide, the unintentional opioid overdose death rate is 12.1 per 100,000 residents from 2013-2017.

Technical Notes:
Rates are per 100,000 N.C. residents, Unintentional medication and drug poisoning: X40- X44 and any mention of T40.0 (opium), T40.2 (Other Opioids), T40.3 (Methadone), T40.4 (Other synthetic opioid) and/or T40.6 (Other/unspecified narcotics).

Source:
Analysis by Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit.

595 All opioid overdose ED visits: March 2019
Compared to 560 March 2018

The highest concentration of visits (≥5) by zip code occurred in:
Buncombe, Cumberland, Iredell, Stanly, and Burke counties.

The highest rates (per 100,000 residents) occurred in:
Stanly (21.4), Cumberland (18.3), Buncombe (15.2), Randolph (14.6) and Surry (13.9) counties.

Note: NH (Non Hispanic). Counts based on diagnosis (ICD-9/10-CM code) of an opioid overdose of any intent (accidental, intentional, assault, and undetermined) for North Carolina residents. Emergency department visit data from NC DETECT are provisional and should not be considered final. There may be data quality issues affecting our counts; counties with <10 cases may not be true lack of opioid overdose cases but data quality issues; additionally, some hospitals use non-specific poisoning codes rather than specific opioid poisoning codes.
Opioid Overdose Emergency Department Visits: 2010-2019 YTD

Opioid Overdose ED Visits by Year: 2010-2019 YTD

Insurance Coverage: 2019 YTD
- Private insurance: 14%
- Medicaid or Medicare: 29%
- Uninsured/Self-pay: 46%
- Other/Unknown: 11%

Data Source: The North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NCDETECT), 2010-2019;
*2018-2019 data are provisional and subject to change; Data as of January 31, 2019.
Analysis by Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit
For every opioid overdose death, there were nearly 2 hospitalizations and 4 ED visits due to opioid overdose.

2,006 Deaths
3,372 Hospitalizations
7,455 Emergency Department Visits
408,000 people estimated misusing prescription pain relievers
7,731,500 opioid prescriptions dispensed

1 opioid overdose death
2 opioid overdose hospitalizations
4 opioid overdose ED visits
203 residents misusing pain relievers
3,854 opioid prescriptions dispensed

Technical Notes: Deaths, hospitalizations, and ED data limited to N.C. residents; Includes all intents, not limited to unintentional.
Analysis by Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit.
Broader: Unintentional overdose deaths involving illicit opioids* have drastically increased since 2013

A growing number of deaths involve multiple substances in combination (i.e., polysubstance use)

*Heroin and/or Other Synthetic Narcotics (mainly illicitly manufactured fentanyl and fentanyl analogues)

Technical Notes: These counts are not mutually exclusive; If the death involved multiple substances it can be counted on multiple lines; Unintentional medication, drug, alcohol poisoning: X40-X45 with any mention of specific T-codes by drug type; limited to N.C. residents

Analysis by Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit
Poisoning death rates are higher than traffic crash death rates in N.C.

Technical Notes: Rates are per 100,000 residents, age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Standard Population
Source: Death files, 1968-2016, CDC WONDER
Analysis by Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit
OPIOID ACTION PLAN
NC’s Opioid Action Plan

1. Coordinate the state’s infrastructure to tackle opioid crisis.
2. Reduce the oversupply of prescription opioids.
3. Reduce diversion of prescription drugs and flow of illicit drugs.
4. Increase community awareness and prevention.
5. Make naloxone widely available.
6. Expand treatment and recovery systems of care.
7. Measure effectiveness of these strategies based on results.

We can do better with Medicaid expansion.

“If you’re a state that does not have Medicaid expansion, you can’t build a system for addressing this disease.” – Dayton, OH Mayor Nan Whaley

Dayton more than halved its opioid death rate after Ohio expanded Medicaid.
Federal Grants to Support Opioid Treatment

• Cures/STR: May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019
  – $15.5 M for 2 years: $31M
  – Renewed for two years, amount still unknown.

• SOR: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2020
  – $23 M for 2 years: $46M
Expand Treatment Federal CURES/STR grant:

Monthly and Cumulative Spending of CURES/STR Claims

Year 1, $9.9M Allocated

Year 2, $10.9M Allocated

Monthly Expenditure  
YTD Expenditure  
Allocation

$Millions

About 10,000 individuals have received treatment from this funding:

Between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018, 33,234 individuals with an opioid use disorder received publicly-funded (Medicaid, state, federal) treatment services. Of these, 10,081 individuals received services through Cures/STR funds. 2,279 of these individuals received services in Year 1 and Year 2 of the Cures/STR grant.
HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES
Mismatch: We are Buying Healthcare not “Health”

Healthcare Spending

- Direct Medical Care 90%
- Other 10%

Drivers of Health

- Behavior 40%
- Genetics 30%
- Social 15%
- Environment 5%
- Healthcare 10%

The greatest opportunity to improve health lies in addressing a person’s unmet essential needs.

Screening Questions

- **Goals**
  - Routine identification of unmet health-related resource needs
  - Statewide collection of data

- **Development**
  - Technical Advisory Group
  - Released April 2018 for Public Comment
  - Field testing in 18 clinical sites

- **Implementation**
  - Recommended to be used across settings and populations
  - Launch of Managed Care: PHPs Required to Include in Care Needs Assessment

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**Health Screening**

We believe everyone should have the opportunity for health. Some things like not having enough food or reliable transportation or a safe place to live can make it hard to be healthy. Please answer the following questions to help us better understand you and your current situation. We may not be able to find resources for all of your needs, but we will try and help as much as we can.

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<td>3. Within the past 12 months, have you ever stayed: outside, in a car, in a tent, in an overnight shelter, or temporarily in someone else’s home (i.e. couch-surfing)?</td>
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<td>4. Are you worried about losing your housing?</td>
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<td>5. Within the past 12 months, have you been unable to get utilities (heat, electricity) when it was really needed?</td>
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<td>7. Do you feel physically or emotionally unsafe where you currently live?</td>
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<td>11. Would you like help with any of the needs that you have identified?</td>
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NCCARE360: Coordination Platform at Work

Traditional Referral

- Service provider cannot always exchange PII or PHI via a secure method
- Limited prescreening for eligibility, capacity, or geography
- Onus is usually on the client to reach the organization to which he/she was referred
- Service providers have limited insight or feedback loop
- Client data is siloed & transactional data is not tracked

Through NCCARE360

- All information is stored and transferred on HIPAA compliant platform
- Client is matched with the provider for which he/she qualifies
- Client’s information is captured once and shared on his/her behalf
- Service providers have insight into the entire client journey
- Longitudinal data is tracked to allow for informed decision making by community care teams
Automated Workflows with Partners

- **Configurable Screening**
  - Will include statewide screening tool
  - Can add additional screening questions/tools as needed

- **Electronic Referral Management**
  - Seamless referral workflow sends the right data to the right provider(s) to address specific needs

- **Assessment/Care Plan Management**
  - Custom care plans for each service that are attached to referrals so receiving providers get a head start

- **Bi-Directional Communication/Alerts**
  - Automated notifications keep all organizations up to date, while care team members can securely communicate with each other

- **Outcomes**
  - You get to know exactly what services were delivered, and the entire history for every intervention by your external partners
Overview of Approved Pilot Services

North Carolina’s 1115 waiver specifies services that can be covered by the Pilot. Pilots will not be required to offer all approved services.

### Housing
- Tenancy support and sustaining services
- Housing quality and safety improvements
- One-time securing house payments (e.g., first month’s rent and security deposit)
- Short-term post hospitalization housing

### Food
- Linkages to community-based food services (e.g., SNAP/WIC application support, food bank referrals)
- Nutrition and cooking coaching/counseling
- Healthy food boxes
- Medically tailored meal delivery

### Transportation
- Linkages to existing public transit
- Payment for transit to support access to pilot services, including:
  - Public transit
  - Taxis, in areas with limited public transit infrastructure

### Interpersonal Violence
- Linkages to legal services for IPV related issues
- Evidence-based parenting support programs
- Evidence-based home visiting services

*See appendix for full list of approved pilot services.*
Healthy Opportunities Pilots: High-Level Overview

The Healthy Opportunities Pilots will test the impact of providing selected evidence-based interventions to Medicaid enrollees.

Over the next five years, the pilots will provide up to $650 million in Medicaid funding for pilot services in two to four areas of the state that are related to housing, food, transportation and interpersonal safety and directly impact the health outcomes and healthcare costs of enrollees.

Pilots will allow for the establishment and evaluation of a systematic approach to integrating and financing evidence-based, non-medical services into the delivery of healthcare.
Questions?