

Understanding Medicaid Finance Boot Camp

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Understanding Medicaid

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What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including

- eligible low-income adults,
- children,
- pregnant women,
- elderly adults, and
- people with disabilities.



What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a state administered health insurance program that is guided by federal requirements.

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)
- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

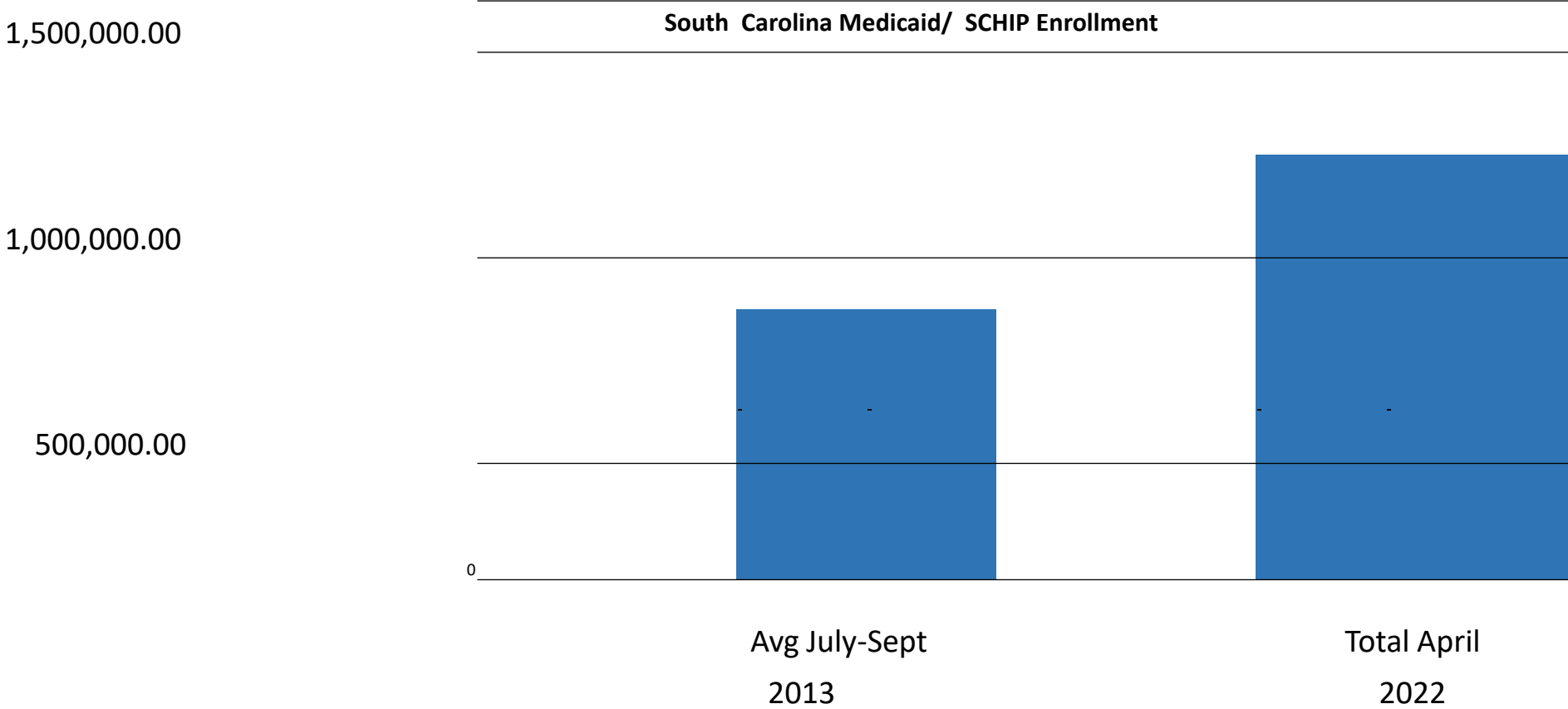


What is Medicaid?

- Medicaid is different in each state.
- Within federal guidelines, the state decides
 - eligibility requirements,
 - service array,
 - rates, and
 - policy and procedures.



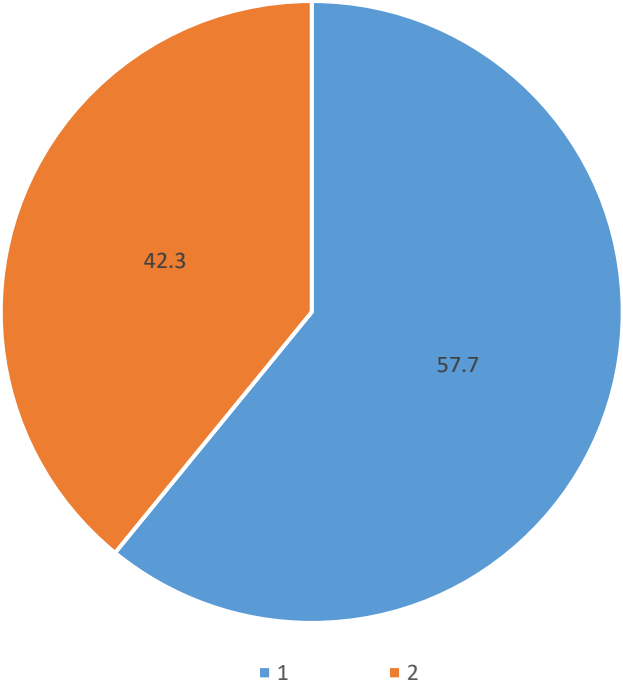
Increase in SC Medicaid/SCHIP Enrollment



Percentage of Children Enrolled in Medicaid April 2023

57.7% Enrolled

42.3% Not Enrolled



Why Medicaid in Education?

Congress changed the Medicaid rules to permit school districts to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medical services in an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Additionally, the South Carolina Legislature mandated that school districts maximize Medicaid reimbursement.



Medicaid Funding

- Medicaid is a jointly funded program (state and federal).
 - National Expenditures- \$850 billion*
 - SC Expenditures- \$6.88 billion*
 - School Districts- \$33.4 million**

*Amounts as of 2019

**Amount as of 2023



Billable Medicaid Services

- SBRS- Rehabilitative Therapies, Nursing Services for Children under 21, Audiology, Orientation and Mobility, and Telemedicine
- RBHS- Screening Services, Psychotherapy and Counseling Services, Community Support Services
- SDAC
- SNT
- Medicaid Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services (MAPPS)
- COVID-19 Testing



SC Total Annual Medicaid & CHIP Expenditures

State	Medicaid Services	CHIP	Administration	Total
South Carolina	\$6,305,731,666	\$203,239,507	\$373,948,910	\$6,882,920,083



School-Based Rehabilitative Therapy Services



Medicaid Reimbursement is available for the following School-Based Rehabilitative Services:

- Speech Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Audiology
- Nursing Services for Children Under 21
- Orientation & Mobility
- Medicaid Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services (MAPPS)
- Special Needs Transportation (SNT)
- School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)
- Telemedicine (Facility Fee)



SCDE Telemedicine

- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has an existing program to provide Telehealth in the school districts and has established the SC Telehealth Alliance.
- The program treats common childhood illnesses including sore throat, rashes, and chronic diseases such as asthma.
- If the student's condition is not able to be diagnosed via telehealth, the provider will work with the family to connect them to an in-person provider.



Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS)



Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS)

- Diagnostic Assessment (DA)
- Psychological Testing and Evaluation (PTE)
- Individual Psychotherapy (IP)
- Group Psychotherapy (GP)
- Family Psychotherapy (FP)
- Multiple Family Group Psychotherapy (MFGP)
- Behavioral Health Screening (BHS)
- Service Plan Development (SPD)
- Crisis Management (CM)
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (PRS)
- Behavior Modification (B-Mod)
- Family Support (FS)



Coordination with the SC Department of Mental Health (SCDMH)

- MOAs between districts and local DMH centers
- Joint commitment between the heads of the SC Department of Education and Mental Health to ensure that by 2022 every student will have access to school-based mental health services
- Expansion of telepsychiatry in school districts



School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)



SDAC

- Federal reimbursement for activities that support the Medicaid program.
- Reimbursement is determined using random moment surveys (RMS) to assess what activities participants perform.
- Surveys are assigned proportionally to each participating district.
- Results of the surveys determine the percentage of reimbursable activities.



SDAC

- The school year is divided into four separate quarters beginning with JAS (i.e., July, August, September).
- After the quarter ends, each district enters their cost information for the quarter (salaries, purchased services, other non-federal costs, etc.).
- An invoice is generated for each school district.



SDAC Invoice

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING INVOICE

School District: _____
 Quarter: 4 - AMJ (2022)

Medicaid Eligible: 73.20%

Total Costs - Less Indirect	Salaries \$6,572,212.10	Other Costs \$3,404,592.25	Total \$9,976,804.35
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Non-Discounted Activities

C. Outreach to Medicaid Program
 E. Facilitating an Application to Medicaid

Full %: 1.470%

Sal.(Gross Claim.) \$96,611.52	Other(Gross Claim.) \$50,047.51	Total \$146,659.03
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Discounted Activities

G. Referral, Monitoring, Coordination
 I. Assisting Access to Translation/Transportation
 K. Medicaid/Medical Training
 M. Medical Service Program Planning Policy Coord.

Discount %: 1.590%
 Med. Elig. %: 73.20%
 Claimable %: 1.1638800%

\$76,492.66	\$39,625.37	\$116,118.03
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Totals	\$173,104.18	\$89,672.88	\$262,777.06
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GROSS CLAIMABLE	\$262,777.06
INDIRECT	\$34,118.83
TOTAL	\$296,895.89
NET CLAIMABLE	\$148,447.95 [50%]
TOTAL CLAIMED	\$148,447.95

GROSS CLAIM SALARIES \$173,104.18	Unrestricted RATE 19.71%	GROSS INDIRECT \$34,118.83
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As financial officer of the above named district, I am charged with supervising the administration of the provision and billing for the School District Administration Claiming services provided under Title XIX (Medicaid) and Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended. I hereby certify that the school district has expended the state share of public, non-federal funds needed to match the federal share of medical claims billed to the state Medicaid agency for School District Administrative Claiming services provided to eligible Medicaid students during the quarter reported here. I also certify that the school or school district's certified expenditures were incurred in accordance with provisions of South Carolina's policies for the services. These certified expenditures are separately identified and supported in our accounting system.

Signature of Fiscal Officer: _____

Date: _____



District Responsibilities for SDAC

- Complete surveys (participants).
- Review surveys for accuracy (district coordinator).
- Enter cost information (finance coordinator).
- Review invoice for accuracy (finance coordinator).
- Sign and return invoice (finance director).



Special Needs Transportation (SNT)



SNT

- SNT is reimbursable when a student is transported on a specially adapted school bus to or from a location where a Medicaid reimbursable service is received (i.e., ST, OT, PT)
- Services can be provided at a school or other facility.
- SNT must also be identified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) of the student.



SNT

- The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) pays school districts a portion of its Medicaid SNT revenues (SCDE owns the buses and is the Medicaid claimant).
- Some district expense are included in the annual SNT cost report that is submitted to DHHS.
- DHHS sets the maximum reimbursement allowed for each student.
- The maximum reimbursement for the SY 2022- 2023 is \$40.05 per diem



SNT Claims Process

- Districts enter student ridership data into the SNT application on the SCDE website.
- Districts submit student IEP data to the SCDE through Enrich in Excel format: students names, Medicaid numbers, Social Security(SS) numbers, SUNS numbers, Date of Birth, IEP dates, and Transportation in IEP.
- IEP data is uploaded into the SNT Claims Application.
- SCDE receives “Sponsor (Spon)” file from SCDHHS that contains student SS, Medicaid numbers and dates of health services.
- “Spon” file is uploaded into the SNT Claims Application



SNT Claims Process

- SNT Claims application prepares an electronic claim file (837P) with transportation claims and submits to SCDHHS.
- SCDHHS processes the claim file (837P) and returns an electronic remittance file (835) with the dollar amounts.
- The monetary amounts are stored into the SNT Claims application, awaiting to be distributed to districts.
- Once the match is paid, SCDE keeps 50% and distributes 50% to districts.



Reimbursement



Reimbursement FY22 and FY23

SERVICE	2021-2022	2022-2023	
COVID -19 Testing	\$ 78,692.48	\$ 24,528.00	
MAPPS	\$ 715,971.04	\$ 780,194.39	
NURSING	\$ 11,156,689.80	\$ 10,767,469.28	
OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$ 5,356,444.98	\$ 4,310,071.21	
ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY	\$ 24,640.59	\$ 12,913.58	
RBHS - Service Plan Dev and TX Plan Dev	\$ 266,666.03	\$ 152,628.27	
SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY	\$ 14,504,540.67	\$ 11,582,768.21	
TELEMEDICINE	\$ 8,302.80	\$ 7,772.48	
SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING	\$ 6,565,352.68	\$ 6,904,139.82	
SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,641,870.00	\$ 450,175.35	
Grand Total	\$ 40,333,942.52	\$ 35,011,156.53	



Medicaid Reimbursement Can Fluctuate

Factors that influence Medicaid reimbursement:

- Decision to bill for a service
- Staffing
- Billing correctly or incorrectly
- Third Party Liability (TPL)
- Managed Care Organization (MCO) involvement
- Student Enrollment



RBHS Claim Submission

- FFS
 - Submit claims directly to SCDHHS via SCDHHS Web Tool
- MCO (for RBHS)
 - Healthy Blue by BlueChoice of SC
 - Absolute Total Care (ATC)
 - Molina Healthcare
 - First Choice by Select Health
 - Humana (effective July 1, 2021)



Ways to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement

- Administer & bill for COVID-19 Testing.
- Enroll as appropriate provider type and bill for Autism services.
- Enroll as an RBHS provider
- Render Diagnostic Assessments (DA) and Psychological Testing & Evaluations (PTE) even if the district is not an enrolled RBHS provider.



District Reimbursement Data



View District Reimbursement

Districts' Medicaid reimbursement data is readily available via the Finance section of the SCDE [website](#).





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2022-23

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