



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

# 2022 Legislative Session Medical Assistance Plans



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## **Mission:**

The mission of the Department of Community Health is to provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing, and oversight.

# DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 412** (Licensure of Applied Behavior Analysts)
  - Will require system changes to allow for provider enrollment
  - Effective Date: July 1, 2023
- **HB 918** (Rare Disease Advisory Council)
  - MAP will work with the Council when considering policy changes regarding rare diseases.
  - Effective Date: July 1, 2022



# DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 1013 (Mental Health Parity Act)**
  - Requires all DCH plans be in compliance with federal parity law and calls for the creation of a violation complaint repository
  - Establishes parity reporting requirements for DCH plans
  - Establishes a minimum Medical Loss Ratio for CMO contracts
  - Directs DBHDD to create a Multi-Agency Treatment for Children (MATCH) team for improved care coordination across agencies
  - Directs DCH to conduct a rate study for mental health services
  - Defines coverage requirements for drugs prescribed for the prevention or treatment of psychotic symptoms under MAP



# DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 1276** (DCH Statistical Reports)
  - Requires biannual reporting of statistical data for DCH plans
  - Effective Date: July 1, 2022
  
- **HB 1324** (Prudent Layperson Standard)
  - Requires coverage of emergency care regardless of final diagnosis
  - Effective Date: July 1, 2022



# DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **SB 338** (Postpartum Medicaid Coverage)
  - Extends eligibility for pregnancy Medicaid to one year postpartum
  - Appropriations included in the FY23 budget
  - Effective Date: Upon approval by CMS
- **SB 341** (Medications for Chronic Conditions)
  - Requires a 12-month prior authorization for medications prescribed for treatment of chronic conditions
  - Effective Date: January 1, 2023



# DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **SB 610** (Provider Rate Study/IMD Waiver)
  - Directs DCH to conduct a rate study for waiver services every four years
  - Directs DCH to submit a waiver request to CMS to allow Institutes of Mental Disease to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement
  - Effective Date: December 31, 2022
- **SR 770** (Senate Study Committee on IDD and Waiver Access)
  - Creates a study committee to examine IDD waiver access. DCH holds a seat on the committee.



# FY23 DCH Budget Highlights for MAP

- Increase funds for implementation of Express Lane Enrollment
- Eliminate provider attestation requirements to allow all providers to receive enhanced rates for primary care codes
- Increase funds to extend postpartum coverage to 12 months
- Provide funds for value-based purchasing
- Provide funds for coverage of therapeutic and care management services, clinical trials, and donor milk
- Increase reimbursement rates for LTACs, ventilators, medical nutrition therapy, dental services, independent pharmacy dispensing fees, and others





# Purpose:

Shaping the future of A Healthy Georgia by improving access and ensuring quality to strengthen the communities we serve.