Proposed Federal Law Would Bolster Home- and Community-Based Services

The pending federal Build Back Better bill includes $150 billion for Medicaid home- and community-based services, the American Academy of Pediatrics announced last week. The money is intended to help states address pressing health needs—like behavioral care for children—and fully implement the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program.

The bill also includes provisions for pay for in-home care professionals, among other provisions. A vote may come soon. The Arc and other advocacy organizations are urging stakeholders to comment to the White House.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics, in collaboration with numerous health and education organizations, has released a statement on the core tenets of chronic condition management in schools. The goal is to improve health and education outcomes for students with special needs. The statement calls for an integrated and equitable approach to managing chronic conditions in schools.

Join Research for Improving Transition Outcomes

The transition to adulthood for youth and young adults with disabilities is a critical period in their lives. It is a time of unprecedented challenge as these young people must navigate the complex systems of care they relied on through childhood and transition to more adult-like care systems. Join us for this webinar and hear from the Center for Advanced Policy on Employment for Youth (CAPy) as they lead a nationwide study of best practices in interagency collaboration and coordination among state agencies that serve youth and young adults with disabilities.

Upcoming Webinar Reminders

The California Children's Services (CCS) Advisory Group will meet this month. As part of the group's packed agenda, the CCS Advisory Group will: discuss the CCS Advisory Group's role and responsibilities; review the newly released Rosenow and Hammer (2020) report on the implementation of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA); and discuss the new pharmacy program and the upcoming Enhanced Care Management program. The CCS Advisory Group will meet on Tuesday, November 9; 12 to 1 p.m. Pacific Time.

Also, the National Health Law Program will host a webinar on Wednesday, November 10; 10 to 11 a.m. Pacific Time, on COVID-19 Behavioral Health Policies Affecting Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs: What to Keep, Modify or Discard?

Preventing Intermittent Use of Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Benchmark Plans

Webinar: Who Decides?

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A look at results from a national survey that measured the impact of the pandemic on family life, adverse childhood experiences, and positive childhood experiences. Speakers will provide an overview of the survey, key findings, and a demonstration on how to access the data on the KidsData website, among other details.

Join the third webinar in the Collaborative Conversations with Families to Advance the Clinical Care of Children with Medical Complexities and Disabilities (C6) series.

For extensive details, read more and take part in the research.

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Read more.

Extended care

Mental Health

Therapy Units, data dashboards and quality measures for the Whole Child Model, and other topics. For extensive details, read more and take part in the research.

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The Essentials for Childhood Initiative

Keep, Modify or Discard?

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The upcoming webinar will feature a discussion of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) and the Children's Health Plan (CHP) Medicaid waiver program. The webinar will also explore the implications of the new COVID-19 policies on children and youth with special health care needs.

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