

# REPORT TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

## Bureau of Health Services Financing (Medicaid) July, 2016

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### **Status of Current Initiatives:**

**MEDICAID EXPANSION.** Medicaid is pleased to report to the Council that expansion is set to occur as planned beginning July 1, 2016. Applications are already being accepted for persons who may be eligible for Medicaid.

As noted in the last two reports, eligibility for parents with Medicaid eligible children will increase to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, and childless adults will now be eligible for Medicaid as a group.

Also, the Medicaid Managed Care program has changed its name from *Bayou Health* to *Healthy Louisiana*.

**Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS):** No previous change from last quarter's report. The status of this initiative has been on hold until expansion has been successfully implemented.

**Implementation of Applied Behavior Analysis:** State Plan for licensed providers to deliver ABA services under Medicaid was approved by CMS for services as of February 1, 2014. Services must be prior authorized through the Molina prior authorization process. Services are available to children/youth from birth through age 20 for whom they are medically necessary. A clinical diagnostic evaluation that recommends ABA is required for this service. As of **06/29/2016** there were **103** individuals enrolled as providers statewide, **19** groups, and **1333** children/youth approved for services. ABA services were NOT carved in to Bayou Health in December, 2015. If you have

questions about ABA, how to access those services, how to locate a provider, or any other questions, please call this toll-free number: **1-844-423-4762**.

**Behavioral Health Integration:** Our Behavior Health section is working tirelessly to address any issues that may arise as a result of integration with the Health Plans. Children/youth who are either in or qualify for the Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) receive all behavioral health services from Magellan at this time. A child/youth is eligible for CSOC services through his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. CSOC services are for children/youth who are at risk for out-of-home placement, or are currently experiencing out-of-home placement due to significant behavioral health challenges. Out of home placement may be defined as detention, secure care facilities, psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment facilities, addiction facilities, alternative schools, homeless, foster care.

**Permanent Supportive Housing:**

OAAS and OCDD continue to assist participants to transition into Permanent Supportive Housing. There are currently approximately **2,489** households in Permanent Supportive Housing.

**Money Follows the Person:**

- Since fall 2009, approximately **1,636** individuals have transitioned through the MFP program from qualified institutions (hospitals, nursing facilities, and supports and services centers); Year to date (through 05/30/16), **106** individuals have transitioned.
- Participants can be transitioned through MFP until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Grant funding can be expended through September 30, 2020.

**Self-Direction:**

- There are currently **762** individuals participating in the self-direction option, as of 05/30/16. A Request for Proposals was released for Fiscal/Employer Agent

services on 3/15/2016. On Monday, May 16, 2016, the contract was awarded to PALCO, who will subsume duties previously fulfilled by Acumen Fiscal Agent effective October 1, 2016.

**Behavioral Health:**

The Coordinated System of Care waiver enrollment as of 5/27/16 totaled **2,334**.

Region/Parish	Participant Count
Region 1 (Jefferson/Orleans area)	436
Region 2 (Capital area)	327
Region 3 (Covington area)	295
Region 4 (Thibodeaux area)	249
Region 5 (Lafayette area)	143
Region 6 (Lake Charles area)	147
Region 7 (Alexandria area)	195
Region 8 (Shreveport area)	234
Region 9 (Monroe area)	308

\*This number includes all children presumptively eligible and enrolled in the 1915(b)(3) and the 1915(c) SED waivers.

Attached please find the Healthy Louisiana Provider Network Count for Behavioral Health services for this quarter.



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