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Services

88th Legislative Session

June 14, 2023

88th Legislature Snapshot

By the Numbers

Total bills filed: 11,807 compared to 10,000 last *session

Medicaid-related Bills: 900+ compared to approx. 800 last session

Total Bills Enrolled: 1246 compared to 1073 last session

Tracked Bills Enrolled and Sent to Governor: 655 compared to 505 last session

Total MCS Related Bills Enrolled: 64

Important Dates and Milestones

Bill prefiling began: Monday, November 14, 2022

Session began: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Bill filing deadline: Friday, March 10, 2023

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Key Topics

- Provider Requirements
- Long-term Services & Supports
- HHSC Operations
- New or amended Medicaid/CHIP Services
- Pharmacy/Prescription Drugs
- Takeaways from the General Appropriations Act

Important Dates and Milestones



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Provider Requirements

Enrolled Legislation

- **HB 44 (Swanson)**- Relating to provider discrimination against a Medicaid recipient or child health plan program enrollee based on immunization status.
- **SB 14 (Campbell)**- Prohibits certain procedures and treatments for gender transitioning, gender reassignment, or gender dysphoria for children.

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Long-term Services & Supports

Enrolled Legislation

- **HB 3550 (Rose)**– Addresses known prescribed pediatric extended care center (PPECC) issues, including issues related to PPECC transportation. Allows PPECC services in a group setting and allows responsible adult signatures on one consent document.
- **HB 4169 (Price)**- Adds prevocational services to HCS, TxHmL and DBMD waiver programs, either as part of individualized skills and socialization or as a stand-alone service



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HHSC Operations

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- **HB 729 (Rose)** – Establishes a statewide IDD coordinating council to ensure Texas develops a strategic approach for the provision of intellectual and developmental disability services.



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HHSC Operations cont..

Enrolled Legislation

- **HB 2802 (Rose)**- requires the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to ensure Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) may communicate with enrolled Medicaid recipients through electronic means, which now includes telephone, in addition to text message and email, regarding eligibility, enrollment and other health care matters when the member provides their contact information to the MCO outside of the Medicaid application process.
- **SB 26 (Kolkhorst)**- Relating to local mental health authority and local behavioral health authority audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.



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New or Amended Medicaid/CHIP Services

Enrolled Legislation

- **HB 2727 (Price)**- Adds FQHCs and RHCs as home telemonitoring providers; allows home telemonitoring services if they are cost effective and clinically effective; changes eligibility for home telemonitoring services.
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- **HB 1488 (Rose)**-Relating to sickle cell disease health care improvement and the sickle cell task force
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Pharmacy/Prescription Drugs

Enrolled Legislation

- **HB 1283 (Oliverson)**-Relating to prescription drug formularies applicable to the Medicaid managed care program.
- **HB 3286 (Klick)**- Relating to certain prescription drug benefits under the Medicaid managed care program.
- **HB 4990 (Bonnen)**-Relating to the creation, management, and administration of the Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative.



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General Appropriations Act

H.B. 1 – Key Takeaways

- **Rate Increases**
 - Attendant wages (Rider 30)
 - Ground ambulance (Rider 33)
 - Nursing facility add-on (Rider 24)
 - Pediatric Long Term Care Facility (Rider 35)
 - Pediatric Services and Women’s Health Related Surgeries (Rider 31)
 - Private Duty Nursing (Rider 34)
 - Rural Hospitals (Rider 8)
 - Rural Labor and Delivery Medicaid Add-on (Rider 16)
- **Rider 25**-Patient Driven Payment Model for Nursing Facility Services
- **Rider 26**-Interest list slots



General Appropriations Act cont..

Enrolled Legislation - H.B. 1

- **Rider 29-** DBMD billing reform
- **Rider 32-** Transition of Medicaid only services into managed care for dually eligible people
- **Rider 36-** Continued funding for a provider enrollment and credentialing portal
- **Rider 85-** Multi-Assistance Center Demonstration Project
- **Article IX, Section 17.29-** Annual review of Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center rates
- **STAR+PLUS Pilot Program-** Not funded

