

STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY: SERVICE COVERAGE

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The Rights of CYSHCN to Services

- Medicaid
 - EPSDT: Children entitled to all “necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment, and other measures...to correct or ameliorate defects along with physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such services are covered under the state plan.”
- Equal Access Provision
 - Payments to providers be “sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under [each state’s Medicaid program] at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area.”

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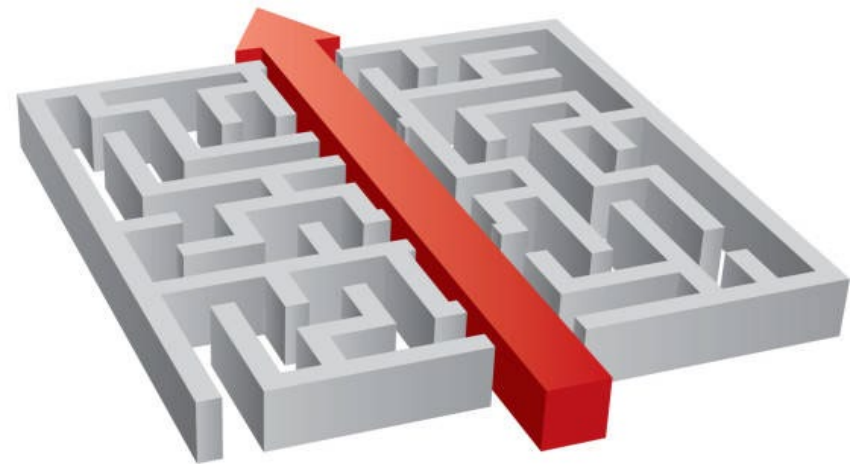
- Commercial insurance
 - Variable standards
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Rehabilitation Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act
 - *Olmstead vs LC* Supreme Court Decision

Example pandemic flexibilities

- Less onerous prior authorization procedures
- Paid family caregiving and school aide services
- Fewer redeterminations of eligibility for HCBS
- Home care staffing
 - Overtime allowance
 - Increased rates
- Virtual education and young adult day programs
- Telehealth coverage

Recommendations for Future

- Minimize administrative roadblocks to services
 - Improve Family experience
 - Maximize care coordination resources
- Update policy to compensate families
- Enhanced FMAP for HCBS
- Extend telehealth to new use cases, specific to the needs of children with disabilities across the continuum of care



QUESTIONS?

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