

Medicaid Strategies for Enhancing the Healthcare Workforce to Improve Mental Health

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Appropriation FY 2023-24 **Programs** \$ 191,080,850 Statewide Medicaid Residency Program \$ 100,000,000 Startup Bonus Program \$ 66,000,000 High Tertiary Full Time Equivalents in Primary Care in Specific Ś 18,000,000 **Medicaid Regions** 4,400,000 Mental and Behavior Health GME 1,344,447 Citrus Health Network 20,085,210 Primary Care in Regions 1 & 2 Slots for Doctors 30,000,000 \$ 430,910,507

Training

Statewide Medicaid Residency Program

- Psychiatry considered PCP and given extra funding.
- Startup Bonus Program
 - Available for more psychiatry residency programs.
- Primary Care GME Funding
 - Psychiatry considered PCP.
- Funding for Residency, Fellow or Intern Positions to Address the Deficit in Mental and Behavioral Health Facilities. Began in FY 20-21.
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- Primary Care and Training in Medicaid ۲ Region 1 and 2. Began FY 23-24.
- Slots for Doctors. Psychiatry included.





Grand Total



Budget Amendment Request Programs FY 2023-24 **Statutory Teaching Hospitals Public Teaching Hospitals**

Training

Children's & RPICC Teaching Hospitals

Academic Medical Centers Group 2 (AMC 2)

Academic Medical Centers Group 1 (AMC 1)

Grand Total

25,599,261 \$ 72,878,194

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26,415,227

49,947,738

530,651,423

705,491,843

- Indirect Medical Education (IME)
 - Payment to teaching hospitals for extra costs associated with teaching.
 - Extra costs for psychiatry and therapist training may include supervising doctors, facility costs to accommodate trainees, accreditation and compliance, community outreach and engagement.
- Adding Nursing Indirect Education.
 - Can include psychiatric nurse training.





Service Integration

Proposed change to Rule 59G.-1.060 (Enrollment Policy) Will allow SMMCenrolled LCSW, LMFT, LMHC, and Psychologists to render services in medical offices

Rule promulgation is planned for 2024



Telehealth

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- As indicated in Rule 59G-1.057, Medicaid reimburses licensed practitioners who provide covered services via telemedicine within their scope of practice.
 - Coverage allows practitioners in one setting (e.g., behavioral health clinic or medical office) to deliver covered services to a recipient in another setting (e.g., primary care office or recipient's home).
 - SMMC plans cannot be more stringent than Medicaid in their coverage of telemedicine and can offer more flexibilities.





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Telehealth Utilization

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Incentives & Accountability

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Quality Strategy

> Mental Health Quality Measures

> > Liquidated Damages If Below 50th Percentile

 MMA Physician Incentive Program (MPIP) for providers with primary care medical home, which can include behavioral health integration and quality improvement.





Peer Support

- Peer specialists are included under Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) services.
- Each FACT team must have a minimum of one full-time peer specialist as defined in Chapter 397 F.S.





V Collaborative Care Model

- New Coverage of Collaborative Care Model codes
 - **99492** initial psychiatric collaborative care management
 - **99493** subsequent psychiatric collaborative care management
 - 99494 additional 30 minutes
 - 99484 general integration



