

Implementation Update

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Implementation Updates - Outline

- **SB 7016 (2024): Workforce**
 - Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program (FRAME), Dental Student Loan Repayment and Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH)
- **SB 7016 (2024): Rate Changes**
 - DRG and Provider Rate/Fee Increases
- **SB 7016/SB 330 (2024): Funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME)**
 - GME Committee, Slots for Doctors Program, and Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals
- **SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage**
 - Mobile Crisis Response Services, Acute Hospital Care at Home Program, and Advanced Birth Centers
- **Other Implementation Updates:**
 - **SB 644 (2024) Rural Emergency Hospitals**
 - **SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports**
 - Advanced Birth Centers Reimbursement Methodology, Analysis of Potentially Preventable Health Care Events, GME Committee Report, and TEACH report

SB 7016 (2024): Workforce

- Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program (FRAME)
- Dental Student Loan Repayment
- Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH)

SB 7016 (2024): Workforce

Sections 1 and 2

Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program (FRAME)

- Loan repayment program for qualified medical, mental health, and nursing professionals in the program who practice in areas with provider shortages
- Directs the Agency to seek federal authority to use Title XIX Matching Funds

Dental Student Loan Repayment Program (Dental FRAME)

- Loan repayment program for dental hygienists and dentists
- Directs the Agency to seek federal authority to use Title XIX matching funds

SB 7016 (2024): Workforce

Section 29

Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program

- Directed the Agency to request federal approval to provide funding to offset administrative costs for training and education for residents and students at federally qualified health centers, community mental health centers, rural health clinics, and certified community behavioral health centers

SB 7016 (2024): Workforce

FRAME and TEACH Funding Programs



TEACH is operationalized by the Agency for Health Care Administration

FRAME is operationalized by the Department of Health



SB 7016 (2024): Workforce

FRAME and TEACH Funding Programs – Request for Federal Authority to Draw Federal Funds

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|---|
| Drafted the New Florida Workforce 1115 Waiver Demonstration | Completed - November 2024 |
| Issued Provider and Stakeholder Communication for New Florida Workforce 1115 Waiver Demonstration | Completed - December 2024 |
| Began Public Comment Period for the New Florida Workforce 1115 Waiver Demonstration | |
| Held Public Meetings for the New Florida Workforce 1115 Waiver Demonstration Request | Completed - January 2025 |
| Submit the New Florida Workforce 1115 Waiver Demonstration Request to CMS for the FRAME and TEACH Programs | Pending Submission Spring 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): Workforce

FRAME and TEACH Funding Programs – Operational Implementation Steps

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Published Webpage for TEACH Program Information and Application | Completed - October 2024 |
| Issued TEACH Program Provider and Stakeholder Communication | Completed - November 2024 |
| Hosted a Stakeholder Forum for the TEACH Program Application | |
| Shared Frequently Asked Questions & Responses for TEACH Program Application with Associations for Dissemination to their Members | |
| Initiated Administrative Rulemaking for TEACH | Completed - January 2025 |
| Rule Completion | Autumn 2025 |
| First TEACH Program report due | Due December 1, 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): Rate Changes

- Pediatric and Adult Obstetrics DRG Methodology
- Provider Rate/Fee Increases:
 - Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy
 - Private Duty Nursing
 - Behavior Analysis
 - Dental Providers

SB 7016 (2024): Rate Changes

Section 82

Pediatric and Adult Obstetrics DRG Methodology

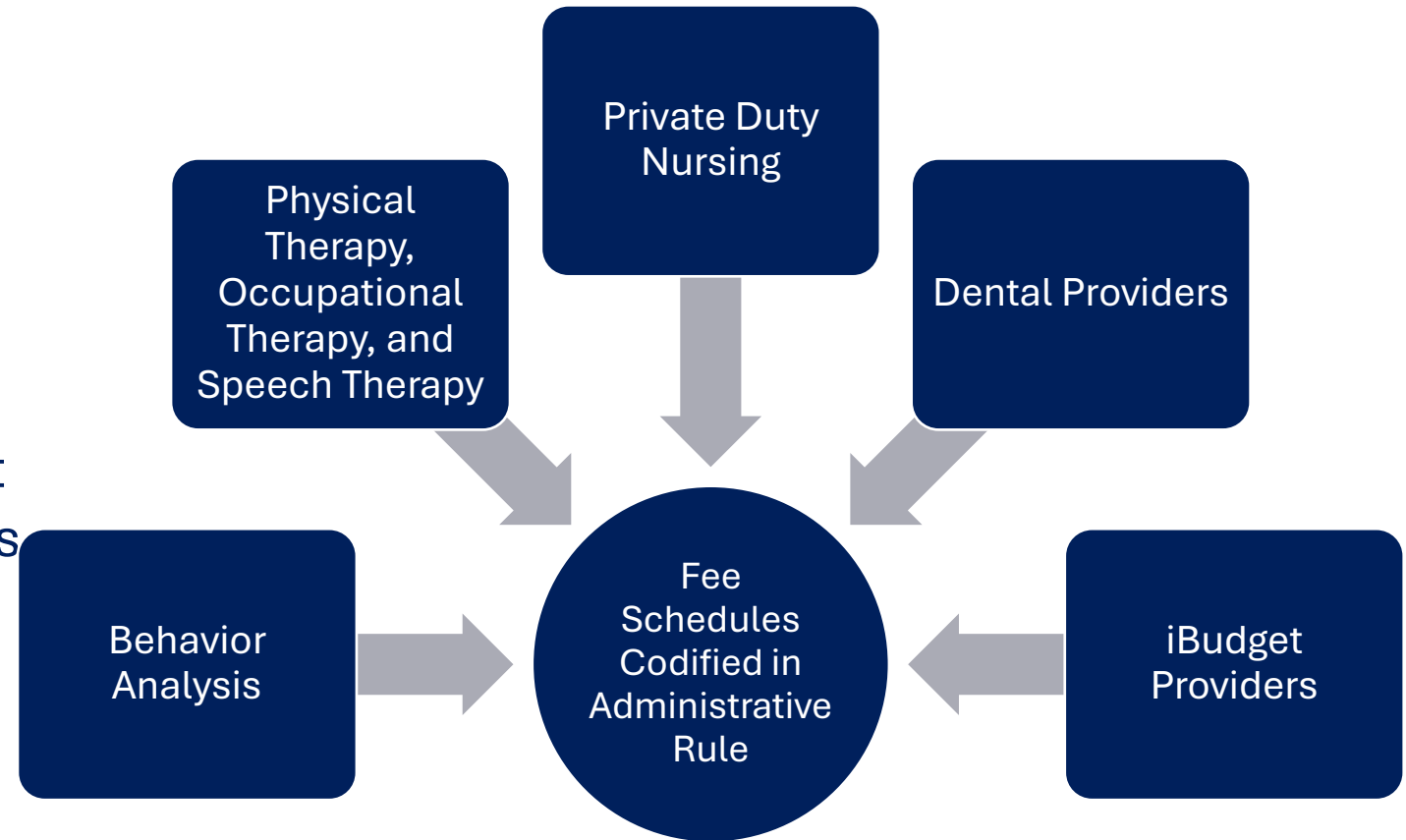
- Provided recurring funding to establish a Pediatric Normal Newborn, Pediatric Obstetrics, and Adult Obstetrics Diagnosis Related Grouping (DRG) reimbursement methodology for including in the DRG reimbursements for hospital inpatient services

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|---|
| Updated System to Include New Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows providers to receive the new DRG rate | Completed - July 2024 |
| Submitted State Plan Amendment (SPA) to CMS to Request Federal Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval will provide a July 2024 effective date | Submitted September 2024 Pending Approval <i>(anticipated Spring 2025)</i> |

SB 7016 (2024): Rate Changes

Sections 83, 84, 88, 89, and 90 - Provider Rate Increases

- Funding provided to increase rates for certain providers
- Reimbursement rates are codified in Administrative Rule
- **Updated rates/fee schedules are effective as of October 1** of a given year, so providers can begin billing at the new rate and codified in the rule's next iteration
- Rule promulgation is currently underway with an **expected effective date in Spring 2025***



*Providers can bill and receive reimbursement for the updated rate on and after the effective date established by Statute and GAA. Rates are codified in rule and apply retroactively.

SB 7016/SB 330 (2024): Funding for Graduate Medical Education

- Graduate Medical Education (GME) Committee
- Slots for Doctors Program
- Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals

SB 7016 (2024): Funding for GME

Section 28

The Graduate Medical Education Committee

- Directed the Agency to create and populate a committee for the purpose of developing an annual report detailing:

The role of residents and medical faculty in the provision of health care

The relationship of graduate medical education to the state's physician workforce

The typical workload for residents and the role such workload plays in retaining physicians in the long-term workforce

The costs of training medical residents for hospitals and qualifying institutions

The availability and adequacy of all sources of revenue available to support graduate medical education

The use of state funds, for graduate medical education for each hospital or qualifying institution receiving such funds

SB 7016 (2024): Funding for GME

Section 28 – GME Committee

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|---|---------------------------|
| Developed Committee Milestones Timeline | Completed - May 2024 |
| Developed Data Reporting Requirements for Qualifying Institutions Based on Positions Funded | |
| Published GME Committee Web Link and Splash Page on Agency Website | |
| Notified Committee Members of their Appointments | Completed - October 2024 |
| Held Inaugural GME Committee Meeting | Completed - December 2024 |
| Draft and Publish Committee Annual Report | Due July 1, 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): Funding for GME

Section 28

Graduate Medical Education – Slots for Doctors

- Directed the Agency to provide additional funding for up to 200 resident positions that existed prior to July 1, 2023, to hospitals and qualifying institutions which have applied for the funding

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|------------------------------|
| Receipt of New Applications for Funding | Completed - December 2024 |
| Publish Slots for Doctors Program Distribution | Estimated Spring 2025 |
| Submit GME Report to Legislature | Estimated Spring 2025 |
| Submit a SPA for Federal Authority | Estimated Spring 2025 |

SB 330 (2024): Funding for GME

Sections 9, 10, and 11

Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals (BHTHs)

- Appropriated funding for behavioral health residency slots in BHTH facilities and appropriates TEACH funding for BHTH facilities
- Directed the Agency to designate the following four hospitals as BHTHs:
 - Tampa General Hospital (affiliation with the University of South Florida)
 - UF Health Shands Hospital (affiliation with the University of Florida)
 - UF Health Jacksonville (affiliation with the University of Florida)
 - Jackson Memorial Hospital (affiliation with the University of Miami)

SB 330 (2024): Funding for GME

Sections 9, 10, and 11- Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals

| Implementation Steps [Medicaid] | Status |
|---|------------------------------|
| Submitted SPA for Federal Authority for the new BHTH 'Slots for Doctors' funding | Completed - June 2024 |
| Created application for the BHTH 'Slots for Doctors' program and dispersed to the four BHTHs | Completed - July 2024 |
| Received Slots for Doctors applications and Posted 'Slots for Doctors' Distribution Model | Completed - November 2024 |
| Pay 'Slots for Doctors' Quarters 1 and 2 | Completed - January 2025 |
| Pay Slots for Doctors Quarter 3 and submit Slots for Doctors report to Legislature and Executive Office of the Governor | Estimated Spring 2025 |
| Pay Slots for Doctors Quarter 4 | Estimated Summer 2025 |

SB 330 (2024): Health Quality Assurance

Sections 9, 10, and 11- Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals

| Implementation Steps [Health Quality Assurance] | Status |
|--|---------------------------|
| The designation of behavioral health teaching hospital has been conveyed to the four hospitals identified in the statute | Completed - April 2024 |
| System changes to create a new designation for behavioral health teaching hospitals | Completed - October 2024 |
| BHTH Grant Application posted | Completed - November 2024 |

SB 330 (2024): Health Quality Assurance

Sections 9, 10, and 11- Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals

- On or after July 1, 2025, hospitals must apply for the designation on a licensure application
- Designated hospitals must reapply every two years at time of license renewal.
- The criteria includes:
 - Designation as a teaching hospital per s. 408.07, F.S.;
 - Offer an accredited residency program in psychiatry or a fellowship program in clinical psychiatry;
 - Provide behavioral health services;
 - Affiliation with a Florida medical school listed under s. 458.3145, F.S.
 - Develop a plan to create and maintain integrated workforce development programs.

SB 330 (2024): Health Quality Assurance

Sections 9, 10, and 11- Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals

- Requires the agency to establish a grant program for BHTHs
- Requires submission of a grant application, supporting documents and a detailed spending plan
- Grant program funding may be used for:
 - Operations
 - Expenses
 - Fixed Capital outlay including but not limited to, facility renovation and upgrades.
- \$300 Million Appropriated for the program
 - 2024-2025 – may not exceed \$100 million
 - 2025-2026 – may not exceed \$100 million
 - 2026-2027 – may not exceed \$100 million

SB 330 (2024): Health Quality Assurance

Sections 9, 10, and 11- Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals

Ongoing:

- Amending Rules:
 - 59A-35.060, F.A.C. pertaining to the License Application Process to update the hospital licensure application
 - 59A-3.066, F.A.C. outlines license procedures for hospitals
 - 59A-3.273, F.A.C. which details management and administration duties as it relates to hospitals
- Meeting with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) regarding oversight of the BHTH grant program

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

- Mobile Crisis Response Services
- Acute Hospital Care at Home Program
- Advanced Birth Centers
- Nonemergent Care Access Plan (NCAP)

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Sections 14 and 24

Mobile Crisis Response Services

- Directed the Agency to seek federal approval for coverage and reimbursement authority for mobile crisis response services
- The bill also directed the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to coordinate with the Agency to provide education to providers of child, adolescent, and young adult mobile response team services on the process to enroll as Medicaid providers

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Sections 14 and 24– Mobile Crisis Response Services

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|------------------------------|
| Identified non-Medicaid DCF-Funded Mobile Response Teams and collaborate with DCF on provider outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist with Medicaid provider enrollment | Completed - August 2024 |
| Amend Managed Care Contracts to Add Service | Estimated Spring 2025 |
| Submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Federal Authority | Estimated Spring 2025 |
| Post Updated Fee Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow providers to bill for this service | Estimated Summer 2025 |
| Completed System Updates | Estimated Summer 2025 |
| Update Fee Schedule and Behavioral Health Coverage Policy via Rule Promulgation | Estimated Summer 2025 |
| CMS Approval of SPA | Estimated Summer 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Section 32

Acute Hospital Care at Home

- Directed the Agency to seek federal approval necessary to implement an acute hospital care at home program in the state Medicaid program consistent with the Medicare Hospital at Home waiver program

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|---|------------------------------|
| Issued Provider and Stakeholder Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emailed alert to providers regarding the implementation of the new program and reimbursement | Completed - November 2024 |
| Held public meeting for the update to the Inpatient Hospital Service Coverage Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To update the policy to include the new covered services | Completed – December 2024 |
| Completion of Inpatient Hospital Service Coverage Policy via Rule Promulgation | Estimated Spring 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Sections 7, 8 and 87

Advanced Birth Centers (ABC)

- It amends multiple sections of the Florida statutes related to birth center licensure to create ABC
- Establishes an optional level of service for a licensed birth center to accept clients currently excluded due to medical conditions and other factors such that the client's pregnancy is no longer low risk

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Section 26

Nonemergent Care Access Plan (NCAP)

- Requires all hospitals with emergency departments (EDs), including off-campus EDs, to submit a Nonemergent Care Access Plan (NCAP) to the Agency
- The plan must assist patients with nonemergent health care needs or those lacking regular access to primary care in accessing appropriate care settings
- The Agency must approve NCAP before Initial licensure or licensure renewal starting July 1, 2025

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Section 26

Nonemergent Care Access Plan (NCAP)

- The Nonemergent Care Access Plan (NCAP) must include:
 - Procedures that ensure the actions will not conflict with s. 395.1041, F.S., (emergency access to care) or 42 U.S.C., s. 1395dd (Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act)
 - Procedures to educate patients on the appropriate setting for their healthcare needs
 - Be capable of providing services directly or by contract to meet the patient's needs such as an urgent care center or primary care office (which may be Medicare certified as a federally qualified health center)

SB 7016 (2024): New Coverage

Sections 7, 8 and 87 (ABC) / Section 26

| Advanced Birth Centers [ABC] | Status |
|---|------------------------------|
| Conducted discussion sessions with the industry to gather input regarding Advanced Birth Centers | Completed – May to July 2024 |
| Changes to the licensure database and online licensing for advanced birth centers have been implemented | Completed – October 2024 |
| Amending Chapter 59A-11 to reflect standards for patient safety for Advanced Birth Centers | Ongoing |
| Nonemergent Care Access Plan [NCAP] | Status |
| Conducted discussion sessions with the industry to gather input regarding NCAPs | Completed – May to July 2024 |
| System changes to the licensure database and online hospital licensing have been implemented | Completed – October 2024 |
| Amending Chapter 59A-3 to reflect the required components of the NCAP | Ongoing |

Other Implementation Updates

- SB 644: Rural Emergency Hospitals
- SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports

SB 644: Rural Emergency Hospitals

- Directed the Agency to create a new hospital license classification in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) new Medicare certification option referred to as Rural Emergency Hospitals
- This bill authorizes the Agency to designate qualifying hospitals as rural emergency hospitals. The agency will license these facilities and ensure they meet the established criteria
- This allows hospitals in rural communities to provide emergency and outpatient services for a higher rate of reimbursement without having to meet the current requirements of a full-service hospital

SB 644: Rural Emergency Hospitals

- Allows hospitals to participate in the Medicare program as a REH
- REHs will provide rural emergency services and other care that do not require treatment beyond 24 hours
- The agency may designate a hospital as a rural emergency hospital if it demonstrates that it meets the following criteria:
 - Meets the requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260
 - Has no more than 50 beds
 - Can adequately provide rural emergency services in the facility 24 hours a day and seven days a week
 - Is sufficiently staffed and equipped to provide rural emergency services
 - Has a current transfer agreement with a Level I or Level II trauma center

SB 644: Rural Emergency Hospitals

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|---|---------------|
| 59A-3.252, F.A.C., Classification of Hospitals to include a new designation titled Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) | |
| Workshop conducted | November 2024 |
| 59A-35.060, F.A.C. pertaining to the License Application Process to update the hospital licensure application. | Ongoing |
| Survey guidelines will be updated to incorporate the amended rule | Ongoing |
| The Medicaid program will update rules (if necessary) pending the outcome of the licensure rule updates for the Rural Emergency Hospital designation. | Pending |

SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports

- Advanced Birth Center Services Reimbursement Methodology
- Analysis of Potentially Preventable Health Care Events
- Graduate Medical Education (GME) Committee Report
- TEACH Program Report

SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports

Section 87

Advanced Birth Center Services Methodology

- Directed the Agency to contract with a vendor to develop a reimbursement methodology for covered services at advanced birth centers and submit the reimbursement methodology and estimated fiscal impact to the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|--------------------------|
| Submitted the Reimbursement Methodology Report and Estimated Fiscal Impact | Completed – January 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports

Section 29

Analysis of Potentially Preventable Health Care Events for Medicaid Enrollees

- Directed the Agency to annually produce a report on the potentially preventable hospital events that occurred during the previous state fiscal year which may have been prevented

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|--|--------------------------|
| Submitted Report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives | Completed – October 2024 |

SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports

Section 30

Graduate Medical Education (GME) Committee Report

- The GME committee is to submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes specific information about the residents and funding of GME

| Implementation Steps | Status |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Submit Report | Due July 1, 2025 |

SB 7016 (2024): Legislatively Required Reports

Section 29

Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program Report

- The Agency must submit an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing the effects of the program for the prior fiscal year regarding the students and program participants

| Implementation Steps | Status |
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| Submit report | Due December 1, 2025 |

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