

Distinctive Features of Medicaid Programs: Southeast Region

Alabama

- Administers Medicaid through a Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) delivery system

Florida

- Medicaid Managed Care plans administer benefits, contracted by region rather than statewide
- 11 different service regions with about 5.7 managed care plans providing benefits per region, on average

Georgia

- Comparatively low Medicaid/CHIP participation rates among children, relative to the other states in the Southeast
- As of fall 2018, a new Medicaid Managed Care plan, CareSource, entered the market, becoming the state's fourth managed care organization

Kentucky

- Several recent structural changes in Medicaid benefit administration:
 - Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act via unique waiver with enrollment through the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange marketplace
 - Work requirement waiver proposal
 - New Substance Use Disorder program for all Medicaid enrollees

Mississippi

- 65% of Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care plans, of which the state has only two.
- Their Medicaid/CHIP parent participation rates are the only ones in the region that have declined (-4.7%) in recent years

North Carolina

- Several reforms under debate or in process, including:
 - Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act
 - Administration of benefits through comprehensive risk-based managed care (versus current Primary Care Case Management system)

South Carolina

- Recently developed work requirement waiver proposal
- Innovative data infrastructure that supports linking Medicaid beneficiary data with education outcomes and participation in other public programs

Tennessee

- First state in the U.S. to enroll 100% of Medicaid beneficiaries in Medicaid Managed Care plans on a mandatory basis
- As of 2015, all Medicaid Managed Care plans administer benefits statewide (previously TN was divided into 3 service regions: West, Central, and East)
- Has the highest income eligibility level for pregnant women in the region

Sources: FL- https://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc/pdf/SMMC_Region_map.pdf; GA- <https://gbpi.org/2019/overview-2020-budget-dbhdd/>; KY- <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/re-approval-of-kentucky-medicaid-demonstration-waiver/>; NC- <https://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2019/07/10/stein-defends-affordable-care-act/>; SC- <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2019/01/04/new-report-finds-south-carolinas-medicaid-waiver-would-leave-thousands-of-poor-parents-uninsured/>; Kaiser Family Foundation: Medicaid / CHIP Parent Participation Rates: <https://www.kff.org/a0a70eb/>; Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems: <https://www.kff.org/65cc99d/>; Medicaid and CHIP Income Eligibility Limits for Pregnant Women as % FPL: <https://www.kff.org/c649127/>



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