Healthcare Subcommittee Proviso Actions

**MUSC:** No Requested Changes

**Voc Rehab:** No Requested Changes

**DHHS:**

33.9 - AMEND

33.9. (DHHS: Medicaid Eligibility Transfer) The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby authorized to determine the eligibility of applicants for the South Carolina Medicaid Program in accordance with the State Plan Under Title XIX of The Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program. The governing authority of each county shall provide office space and facility service for this function as they do for DSS functions under Section 43-3-65.

With funds available to the Department and by November 1, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the governing authority and the legislative delegation of each county with information on the condition of space furnished for this purpose and shall specifically identify any known deficiencies with respect to the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). By May 1, the governing authority of any county with an identified ADA-related deficiency shall report to its legislative delegation and the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services on its progress in correcting such deficiency.
33.16. (DHHS: Carry Forward) The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to carry forward and expend any General Fund balance and any cash balances from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year for any earmarked or restricted trust, agency, or special revenue account or subfund. The department shall submit a comprehensive reporting of all cash balances brought forward from the prior fiscal year. The report shall, at a minimum, for each account or subfund include the following: the statutory authority that allows the funds to be carried forward, the maximum authorized amount that can be carried forward, the general purpose or need for the carry forward, the specific source(s) of funding or revenue that generated the carry forward, and a detailed description of any pending obligations against the carry forward. The report must be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, within fifteen days after the Comptroller General closes the fiscal year.

33.20 - CARRY OVER - $$$$$

33.22 - DELETE

33.22. (DHHS: Carry Forward Authorization) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to carry forward and expend any General Fund balances for the Medicaid program. Within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year, the department shall report the balance carried forward to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.
33.23 - CARRY OVER - $$$

33. *BabyNet Compliance* - NEW

33.24. *(DHHS: BabyNet Compliance)* With the funds available to the Department, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than December 31, 2017 on the status of the Department’s efforts to bring the BabyNet program into compliance with federal requirements. This report must specifically address areas in which the BabyNet program has received low performance scores and includes any relevant correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education. The report must explain the Department’s plan for bringing BabyNet into compliance, including specific steps and the associated timeline.

113.7 - AMEND

113.7. *(AS-TREAS: Political Subdivision Flexibility)* For Fiscal Year 2016-17 2017-18, a political subdivision receiving aid from the Local Government Fund may reduce its support to any state mandated program or requirement, by up to a percentage equal to the percentage reduction in the actual amount appropriated to the Local Government Fund as compared to the amount required to be appropriated pursuant to Section 6-27-30. Excluded from said reductions are Administrative Law Judges and their offices, Court of Appeals and their offices, Circuit and Family Courts and their offices, Magistrates and their offices, Masters-in-Equity and their offices, Probate Courts and their offices, Public Defenders and their offices, Solicitors and their offices, and the Supreme Court and their offices.
and assessment for indigent medical care pursuant to Section 44-6-146.

117.73 - AMEND

117.73. (GP: IMD Operations)  All funds received by the Department of Education, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Administration, Office of Executive Policy and Programs-Continuum of Care as State child placing agencies for the Institution for Mental Diseases Transition Plan (IMD) of the discontinued behavioral health services in group homes and child caring institutions, as described in the Children’s Behavioral Health Services Manual Section 2, dated 7/01/06, shall be applied only for out of home placement in providers which operate Department of Social Services or Department of Health and Environmental Control licensed institutional, residential, or treatment programs. An The Department of Health and Human Services shall produce an annual report by each state child placing agency shall be made on Medicaid-funded out-of-home placements and associated expenditures of all IMD transition funds and which shall be provided to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor no later than November first each year. The Department of Health and Human Services shall review the numbers of out of home placements by type and by agency each year and make recommendations to the General Assembly.

117.98 - AMEND

117.98. (GP: First Steps - BabyNet)  In addition to the statutory duties assigned to South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees; the board shall ensure the state’s compliance with
the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Part C and the First Steps’ full implementation of recommendations contained in the 2011 audit report of the LAC regarding the BabyNet Program. First Steps shall submit any necessary statutory changes to the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and any budget recommendations in the agency’s budget request as submitted to the Governor. Until completion, First Steps shall post on its’ website a quarterly report on the timelines of its progress in implementing the recommendations of the LAC. The Board of Trustees will be kept informed monthly of all activities related to this requirement and those progress reports must be recorded in the minutes for each meeting of the Board of Trustees. When First Steps has implemented all of the recommendations enumerated above, a final report shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its’ adoption. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the final report shall be published on First Steps’ homepage. First Steps to School Readiness, the School for the Deaf and Blind, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Social Services shall each provide on a common template developed by the agencies, a quarterly report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of Senate Finance outlining all programs provided by them for BabyNet; all federal funds received and expended on BabyNet and all state funds expended on BabyNet. Each entity and agency shall report on its share of the state’s ongoing maintenance of effort as defined by the US Department of Education under IDEA Part C.

117. **BabyNet** - NEW

117. **NEW. (DHHS: BabyNet)** From funds available in the current fiscal year for budgetary analysis and oversight, the
Executive Budget Office shall conduct an inventory of all BabyNet-related spending, which shall be presented to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than July 15, 2017. All affected agencies shall support the Executive Budget Office in this effort by providing information upon request, so that the first recommendation of the Legislative Audit Council’s 2011 report on BabyNet may be implemented.

DHEC:

34.17 - AMEND

34.17. (DHEC: Nursing Home Medicaid Bed Day Permit) When transfer of a Medicaid patient is transferred from a nursing home to a receiving nursing home is necessary due to violations of state or federal law or Medicaid certification requirements, the Medicaid patient day permit shall be transferred with the patient to the receiving nursing home. The receiving facility shall apply to permanently retain the Medicaid patient day permit within sixty days of receipt of the patient.

34.18 - DELETE

34.18. (DHEC: Mineral Sets Revenue) The department is authorized to charge a reasonable fee for mineral sets. Funds generated from the sale of mineral sets may be retained by the department in a revolving account with a maximum carry forward of $2,000 and must be expended for mineral set supplies and related mining and reclamation educational products.
34.42. (DHEC: Obesity) The Department of Health and Environmental Control is charged with addressing the public health of our citizens and shall be the convener and coordinator of the fight against Obesity in South Carolina. Because addressing the obesity epidemic requires behavioral, educational, systemic, medical, and community involvement, the following state agencies should use their best efforts to cooperate with the requests of the department and its partners to facilitate an environment that decreases body mass index (BMI): Department of Education; Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Social Services; Department of Mental Health; Medical University of South Carolina; University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health; Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Department of Commerce; Department of Transportation; and Commission for the Blind.

In addition, school districts must provide the Department of Health and Environmental Control with information regarding their progress towards meeting certain provisions of the Student Health and Fitness Act of 2005, specifically: Section 59-10-10 regarding the average number of minutes students exercise weekly; Section 59-10-50 regarding the SC Physical Education Assessment; Section 59-10-310 regarding efforts to promote healthy eating patterns; Section 59-10-320 regarding assessment of school district health education programs; Section 59-10-340 regarding snacks in vending machines; and Section 59-10-360 regarding health curriculum. The department is given the authority to collect, compile and assess the progress of the State and the School Districts in meeting the goals of this act.
34.48 - DELETE

—34.48. (DHEC: Birthing Center Inspections) For this fiscal year, birthing centers, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Birth Centers, must register an on-call agreement and any transfer policies with the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The on-call agreement shall contain provisions which provide that the on-call physician is readily available to provide medical assistance either in person or by telecommunications or other electronic means, which means the physician must be within a thirty minute drive of the birthing center or hospital, must be licensed in the State of South Carolina, and shall provide consultation and advice to the birthing center at all times it is serving the public. Furthermore, a birthing center shall document in its practice guidelines and policies the ability to transfer care to an acute care hospital with obstetrical and newborn services and must demonstrate this by: (A) coordinated transfer care plans, protocols, procedures, arrangements, or through collaboration with one or more acute care hospitals with appropriate obstetrical and newborn services; and (B) admitting privileges at one or more hospitals with appropriate obstetrical and newborn services by a birthing center’s consulting physician. The department shall require a $25.00 registration fee upon receipt and review of the agreements containing these provisions. Birthing centers registering on-call and transfer policies in accordance with this proviso shall be deemed by the department to be in compliance with Section 44-89-60(3) of the South Carolina Code and any implementing regulations for this fiscal year.

34.50 - AMEND

34.50. (DHEC: Data Center Migration) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for Data Center Migration, the department must utilize the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations for shared services, including but not limited to, mainframe services, application hosting, servers, managed servers, storage, network services and
disaster recovery services. **Unexpended funds appropriated for the data center migration may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.**

34.53 - DELETE

**34.53.** (DHEC: Coastal Zone Boundary) Of the funds appropriated, the Department of Health and Environmental Control shall report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2017, with an initial recommendation to revise the coastal zone boundary, if any, and the study shall begin with Dorchester County.

NEW

**34.NEW.** (DHEC: EMS Monetary Penalties) In the course of regulating Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies and personnel, the Bureau of EMS assesses civil monetary penalties against nonconforming providers. The Bureau of EMS shall retain up to the first $40,000 of civil monetary penalties collected each fiscal year and these funds shall be utilized solely to carry out and enforce the provisions of regulations applicable to that bureau. These funds shall be separately accounted for in the department’s fiscal records. The agency shall provide a report on how these funds are expended to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of Ways and Means Committee.
NEW

34.NEW (DHEC: Remedial Actions on Regulated Dams) With funds appropriated or authorized for the Department of Health and Environmental Control in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Department may enter into contracts with one or more contractors to perform remedial actions on dams regulated under the SC Dams and Reservoir and Safety Act as necessary to protect life or property. Remedial actions may be implemented where the Department has issued an emergency order for a dam to protect life or property. Remedial actions include, but are not limited to, lowering water levels, placing rip rap, and breaching dams. These contracts shall be exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

DMH:

35.7 - AMEND

35.7. (DMH: Deferred Maintenance, Capital Projects, Ordinary Repair and Maintenance) The Department of Mental Health is authorized to establish an interest bearing fund with the State Treasurer to deposit funds appropriated for deferred maintenance and other one-time funds from any source. The Department is also authorized to retain and deposit into the fund proceeds from the sale of excess real property owned by, under the control of, or assigned to the Department. After receiving any required approvals, the department is authorized to expend these funds for the purpose of deferred maintenance, capital projects, and ordinary repair and maintenance. These funds may be carried
forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

**DDSN:**

36.7 - AMEND

36.7. (DDSN: Unlicensed Medication Providers) The provision of selected prescribed medications may be performed by designated selected unlicensed persons in community-based programs sponsored, licensed or certified by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, provided the such selected unlicensed persons have documented successful completion of medication training and skill competency evaluation. Licensed nurses, licensed pharmacists and licensed medical doctors may train and supervise designated selected unlicensed persons to provide medications and, after reviewing competency evaluations, may approve designated selected unlicensed persons for the provision of medications. The provision of medications by designated selected unlicensed persons is limited to oral, sublingual, buccal, and topical, inhalation, and transdermal medications; ear drops, eye drops; nasal sprays; injections of and to regularly scheduled insulin and injections of prescribed anaphylactic treatments. The provision of medications by designated unlicensed persons does not include rectal and vaginal medications, under established medical protocol and does not include sliding scale insulin or other injectable medications. A written or electronic record regarding each medication provided, including time and amount administered, is required as part of the provision of medication. Provision of medication does not include judgement, evaluation or assessment by the designated unlicensed persons. The designated selected unlicensed persons and the nurses, pharmacists and medical doctors that train, approve, and supervise these staff shall
be protected against tort liability provided their actions are within the scope of their job duties and the established medical protocol.

The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall establish curriculum and standards for training and oversight. This provision shall not apply to a facility licensed as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual and/or related disability.

**DAODAS: No Changes**

**DSS:**

38.3 - AMEND

38.3. (DSS: Foster Children Burial Expenses) The expenditure of funds allocated for burials of foster children and adults in the custody of SCDSS shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per burial.

**Blind Commission: No Requested Changes**

**PEBA:**

108.1 - DELETE

108.1. (PEBA: Lottery, Infrastructure Bank, and Magistrates Health Insurance) South Carolina Lottery Commissioners and South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board members and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority. If a county is participating in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, magistrates and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental insurance plans.
Insurance Plan, upon the magistrate paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

NEW

108.NEW (PEBA: Former Spouses on the State Health Plan) In its Plan of Benefits effective January 1, 2018, the State Health Plan shall cover a subscriber’s former spouse, who is eligible to be covered pursuant to a court order, on the former spouse’s own individual policy and at the full amount of the premium for the coverage elected, with such rates, billing, and other administrative policies to be determined by PEBA. The former spouses may only elect such health, dental, and vision coverage as required by the court order. The former spouse’s individual coverage may continue under the State Health Plan as long as authorized under the court order and the subscriber remains a participant in the State Health Plan. This proviso does not affect a subscriber’s ability to cover a current spouse on an employee/retiree and spouse or full family policy when the subscriber’s former spouse is covered on a separate policy.