

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

FY 2023 Proviso 117.69 Report – IMD Operations

117.69. *(GP: IMD Operations) The Department of Health and Human Services shall produce an annual report on Medicaid-funded out-of-home placements and associated expenditures 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.*

Agency Match Responsibilities and Current Overall Trends

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) continues to assume financial responsibility for covering the state’s share of Medicaid-covered services when a child is placed at a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). As the primary payor for PRTF level of care, SCDHHS also continues to lead the state in understanding the specific cases in need of PRTF, the options available to them in South Carolina, and the lack of appropriate placements for specialized populations.

South Carolina continues to experience a significant behavioral health crisis for youth. This trend is evident in the data observed for acute psychiatric hospital admissions and PRTF admissions.

Claims and Patient Count Data – Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

The total amount for claims paid on all PRTF beds increased 17% since last fiscal year (Tables 1 and 2); however, at the same time, the total number of unduplicated patients *decreased* slightly by 4% (Table 3). This slight decrease may be explained by longer episodes of care, especially when considering the increase in claims amounts. Claims paid for in-state PRTFs increased by 18% this fiscal year (Table 1); this increase is likely due to the Medicaid daily rate increase for South Carolina PRTFs implemented in May 2023, which increased compensation for these PRTFs and incentivized them to prioritize South Carolina youth over out-of-state referrals.

There was a slight increase of 6% in out-of-state PRTF claims since FY22 (Table 2), which demonstrates that South Carolina must continue to rely on out-of-state options to cover the needs of our complex cases.

Table 1. PRTF Claims Paid in FY23 Compared to FY22

CLAIMS PAID	FY22	FY23
IN-STATE	\$23,103,154.82	\$27,174,302.39
OUT OF STATE	\$1,793,255.87	\$1,901,654.01
TOTALS:	\$24,687,440.64	\$29,214,350.25

Table 2. PRTF Claims Paid by Incurred Fiscal Year

PRTF CLAIMS PAID BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2019-2023					
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	*FY2023
Provider Name	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid
ALABAMA CLINICAL SCHOOLS, INC	\$ -	\$ 14,971.95	\$ 6,722.10	\$ 185,163.30	\$ 202,229.85
APPALACHIAN OUTPATIENT SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,234.69
AVALONIA GROUP HOMES INC	\$ 2,767,098.67	\$ 2,095,582.27	\$ 1,326,358.45	\$ -	\$ -
BROADSTEP ACADEMY- SOUTH CAROLINA INC	\$ -	\$ 3,171,381.94	\$ 3,188,172.05	\$ 4,328,646.05	\$ 4,781,500.00
CHESTNUT HILL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC	\$ -	\$ 81,651.17	\$ 92,115.94	\$ 116,918.26	\$ 37,405.85
EXCALIBUR YOUTH SERVICES, LLC.	\$ 1,024,862.39	\$ 832,499.44	\$ 2,489,508.32	\$ 5,723,695.35	\$ 5,663,000.00
GENERATIONS RESIDENTIAL PR	\$ 1,553,654.34	\$ 834,091.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM	\$ 805,134.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HARBOR POINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER INC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,610.30	\$ 7,027.65	\$ 138,393.85
HILLSIDE INC	\$ 97,920.00	\$ 20,165.80	\$ 28,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
KEYSTONE CONTINUUM, LLC (Natchez Trace Youth Academy)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246,440.00	\$ 112,470.00
KEYSTONE NEWPORT NEWS, LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,497.30	\$ 78,005.97	\$ 98,236.05
LAUREL HEIGHTS HOSPITAL	\$ -	\$ 50,888.15	\$ 151,455.05	\$ 112,819.25	\$ 68,425.00
LAUREL OAKS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,303.95	\$ 258,130.92
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF AUGUSTA	\$ 1,484,404.11	\$ 1,690,616.75	\$ 1,279,618.50	\$ 960,758.74	\$ 815,802.36
NEW HOPE CAROLINAS	\$ 1,925,427.18	\$ 1,817,584.30	\$ 2,040,309.49	\$ 1,867,259.41	\$ 2,712,052.25
PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC	\$ 2,612,529.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PALMETTO PINES BEHAVIORAL (Ibn ABS LINCS SC INC)	\$ 4,270,764.64	\$ 4,005,254.93	\$ 3,569,312.45	\$ 4,819,154.41	\$ 4,068,849.59
PINEY RIDGE TREATMENT CENTER, LLC	\$ -	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 20,090.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 109,500.00
PRISMA HEALTH MARSHALL I P	\$ -	\$ 258,180.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SP BEHAVIORAL LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,581.05	\$ 399,589.20	\$ 362,901.15
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	\$ 75,470.85	\$ 190,663.20	\$ 835,068.15	\$ 250,856.55	\$ 269,476.35
THREE RIVERS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT MIDLANDS CAMPUS, INC.	\$ 4,174,065.25	\$ 3,488,929.06	\$ 3,727,996.59	\$ 3,885,406.08	\$ 7,184,692.34
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC	\$ 2,933,605.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WINDWOOD FARM HOME FOR CHILDREN, INC.	\$ 1,453,607.36	\$ 1,476,277.04	\$ 1,408,268.00	\$ 1,401,316.52	\$ 1,911,000.00
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERED	\$ 136,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
YOUTH VILLAGES, INC.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,832.30	\$ 25,300.00
YOUTH VILLAGES, INC.	\$ -	\$ 32,999.40	\$ 162,552.60	\$ 129,247.65	\$ 369,750.00
TOTALS	\$ 25,315,494.60	\$ 20,076,437.67	\$ 20,645,036.34	\$ 24,687,440.64	\$ 29,214,350.25
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 9/12/2023</i>					
NOTES:					
- Amounts Paid include Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments					
- All PRTFs are private, except for the DMH facility, which closed in October 2015.					
-Includes MCO paid out-of-state PRTFs.					

**EXCLUDES FACILITIES WITH NO PATIENTS 2019-2023*

Table 3. PRTF Unduplicated Patient Count by Incurred Fiscal Year

PRTF UNDUPLICATED PATIENT COUNT BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2019-2023					
Provider Name	FY2019 Patients	FY2020 Patients	FY2021 Patients	FY2022 Patients	*FY2023 Patients
ALABAMA CLINICAL SCHOOLS, INC	0	1	1	3	3
APPALACHIAN OUTPATIENT SERVICES					3
AVALONIA GROUP HOMES INC	74	62	44	0	0
BROADSTEP ACADEMY- SOUTH CAROLINA INC	0	59	58	58	56
CHESTNUT HILL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC	0	23	28	11	7
EXCALIBUR YOUTH SERVICES, LLC.	28	39	71	122	115
GENERATIONS RESIDENTIAL PR	27	26	0	0	0
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM	26	0	0	0	0
HARBOR POINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER INC	0	0	1	1	2
HILLSIDE INC	1	1	1	0	0
KEYSTONE CONTINUUM, LLC (Natchez Trace Youth Academy)				3	1
KEYSTONE NEWPORT NEWS, LLC	0	0	3	3	1
LAUREL HEIGHTS HOSPITAL	0	3	4	3	1
LAUREL OAKS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER				1	3
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF AUGUSTA	71	82	60	40	23
NEW HOPE CAROLINAS	60	52	53	50	46
PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC	60	0	0	0	0
PALMETTO PINES BEHAVIORAL (Ibn ABS LINC SC INC)	139	157	127	124	120
PINEY RIDGE TREATMENT CENTER, LLC	0	1	1	1	1
PRISMA HEALTH MARSHALL I P	0	17	0	0	0
SP BEHAVIORAL LLC	0	0	5	12	5
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	2	9	17	12	4
THREE RIVERS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT MIDLANDS CAMPU	116	141	131	141	172
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC	53	0	0	0	0
WINDWOOD FARM HOME FOR CHILDREN, INC.	30	37	32	26	28
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERED	1	0	0	0	0
YOUTH VILLAGES, INC.				1	1
YOUTH VILLAGES, INC.		3	6	2	3
Total Unique Patients	619	630	573	563	539
Total Patient Visits	688	714	643	614	595
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 9/12/2023</i>					
NOTES:					
- Patient Counts include Fee-for-Service and MCO Members					
- All PRTFs are private, except for the DMH facility, which closed in October 2015.					
-Includes MCO paid out-of-state PRTFs.					

***EXCLUDES FACILITIES WITH NO PATIENTS 2019-2023**

Claims and Patient Count Data – Public Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals

Of note is the 26% decrease in claims paid to public (SCDMH) psychiatric inpatient beds. This continues to follow the trend seen since FY2019 as beds have been decreased for both adults and children. Interestingly, claims paid for child and adolescent beds increased significantly by 38% despite unit closures and decreased bed availability for COVID, low staffing, and renovations. This may be related to the number of SCDJJ youth who were housed at Hall (and several at Bryan) for a period of time awaiting PRTF placement or another residential option. However, claims for substance use disorder treatment (William J. McCord) have remained relatively stable over the last five fiscal years.

Also of note is the variance between Bryan hospital claims from FY2022 to FY2023. This is due in part to identifying four rejected claims totaling \$311,318.64. SCDHHS data is based on paid claims, therefore it was not initially captured in the data request. Regardless, it should be noted that even with these rejected claims, overall claims are down for Bryan this fiscal year.

Table 4. Public Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals – Claims Paid by Incurred Fiscal Year

PUBLIC INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - CLAIMS PAID BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2019-2023					
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	*FY2023
Provider Name	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid
WILLIAM J MCCORD ADOLESCEN	\$ 1,282,915.87	\$ 1,094,046.54	\$ 1,065,609.42	\$ 1,084,657.20	\$1,011,374.15
SCDMH (Harris)	\$ 2,530,817.46	\$ 2,275,257.05	\$ 2,458,440.60	\$ 2,101,205.09	\$1,304,399.81
SCDMH (Hall)	\$ 5,181,419.54	\$ 3,054,085.02	\$ 2,454,551.28	\$ 1,718,145.28	\$2,367,285.42
SCDMH (Bryan)	\$ 399,199.23	\$ 232,213.29	\$ 799,215.28	\$ 995,136.96	\$ 8,489.90
Totals	\$ 9,394,352.10	\$ 6,655,601.90	\$ 6,777,816.58	\$ 5,899,144.53	\$4,691,549.28
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 9/12/2023</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments</i>					

Unduplicated patient counts for SCDMH inpatient facilities remained fairly stable since last fiscal year with no significant changes, with the exception of Bryan hospital. In general, we would expect a lower census of Medicaid patients in an adult psychiatric unit due to federal Medicaid IMD rules; however, based on claims submitted and adjudicated thus far, there is only one unique patient that SCDHHS' data attributes to hospitalization at Bryan.

Table 5. Public Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals – Unduplicated Patient Count by Incurred Fiscal Year

PUBLIC INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - UNDUPLICATED PATIENT COUNT BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2019-2023					
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	*FY2023
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
WILLIAM J MCCORD ADOLESCEN	75	69	76	77	79
SCDMH (Harris)	21	16	16	14	13
SCDMH (Hall)	373	285	197	180	188
SCDMH (Bryan)	10	10	10	9	1
Total Unique Patients	470	378	298	279	280
Total Patient Visits	479	380	299	280	281
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 9/12/2023</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Members</i>					

Claims and Patient Count Data – Private Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals

As seen in Tables 6 and 7 as compared to Tables 4 and 5, there is a significant difference in the claims paid as well as the unduplicated patient counts for private vs. public inpatient hospitals. This is related to the greater number of private beds as opposed to public beds in South Carolina for patients in acute psychiatric crisis.

An 8% increase was seen in claims paid to private facilities in FY2023. Most facilities increased claims to Medicaid (Table 6), with the exception of two acute facilities that serve only children. In one instance (Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta), they were unable to meet provider requirements stipulated in the SCDHHS provider manual due to losing a key staff member that is required for operating a PRTF; as a result, they temporarily could not bill South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid. There were no identified issues with Palmetto Lowcountry, however, so it is unclear what accounted for their decreased claims.

Similar trends for the same individual providers noted above can be seen in the unduplicated patient count (Table 7), however, the *overall* unduplicated patient count still represented an increase of slightly more than 7%.

Table 6. Private Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals – Claims Paid by Incurred Fiscal Year

PRIVATE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - CLAIMS PAID BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2019-2023					
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	*FY2023
Provider Name	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid
PALMETTO LOWCOUNTRY BEHAVI	\$ 1,944,899.25	\$ 3,303,708.61	\$ 3,229,477.27	\$ 2,889,432.09	\$ 2,498,084.00
THE CAROLINA CENTER FOR BE	\$ 841,288.72	\$ 3,592,135.17	\$ 4,660,794.96	\$ 5,204,564.39	\$ 5,816,116.85
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HE	\$ 3,974,989.31	\$ 5,982,278.69	\$ 6,486,294.15	\$ 5,249,490.10	\$ 6,412,181.78
REBOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$ 482,680.40	\$ 1,224,896.91	\$ 2,373,458.85	\$ 3,548,478.47	\$ 3,927,120.06
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	\$ 1,484,404.11	\$ 1,690,616.75	\$ 1,279,618.50	\$ 960,758.74	\$ 815,802.36
Totals	\$ 8,728,261.79	\$ 15,793,636.13	\$ 18,029,643.73	\$ 17,852,723.79	\$ 19,469,305.05
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 9/12/2023</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments</i>					

Table 7. Private Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals – Unduplicated Patient Count by Incurred Fiscal Year

PRIVATE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS - UNDUPLICATED PATIENT COUNT BY INCURRED FISCAL YEAR					
2019-2023					
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	*FY2023
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
PALMETTO LOWCOUNTRY BEHAVI	587	844	909	808	677
THE CAROLINA CENTER FOR BE	237	770	946	1,154	1,271
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HE	937	1,262	1,463	1,204	1,467
REBOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	107	265	527	803	876
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	72	82	60	40	23
Total Unique Patients	1,798	2,980	3,565	3,712	3,977
Total Patient Visits	1,940	3,223	3,905	4,009	4,314
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 9/12/2023</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Members</i>					