



Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

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Creation of OHSC

- The Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC) was established House Bill 186 (2019 Session).
- OHSC operates as a division of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.
- Governor Kemp appointed a Director in June 2021 and OHSC now consists of four full time staff.



All-Payer Claims Database

- Senate Bill 482 (2020 Session) called on OHSC to create and implement an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) in Georgia.
- APCDs are centralized statewide repositories for enrollment and claims data from public and private health care payers.
- The next meeting of the GAPCD Advisory Committee will be Friday, February 4th. Please email APCD@OPB.Georgia.Gov if you would like to attend the virtual meeting.



1332 Waiver

- The Patients First Act (2019 Session) authorized Governor Kemp to submit a Section 1332 Waiver application to the federal government to pursue innovation strategies for providing residents with access to high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable health insurance.
- There are two parts to the 1332 Waiver:
 - Reinsurance Program
 - Georgia Access



Reinsurance

- Reinsurance program began in January, 2022.
- Program has resulted in:
 - 11.8% average premium reduction statewide with some rural counties seeing premium reductions as high as 25% and 30%
 - Increased carrier network and coverage, with the number of carriers offering plans on the individual market increasing from 4 to 11
 - In 2019, 74% of counties had only one carrier offering plans on the individual market. Now, that number is down to only 2%.



Georgia Access

- Georgia Access will expand leverage public-private partnerships to expand consumer access to quality health care.
- Goal is to have Georgia Access operational and ready by Open Enrollment in November 2023.



Other Priorities

- Mental Health Reform/Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Committee
 - House Bill 1013 – Mental Health Omnibus was filed 1/26/22
- Quality Performance Bonus Payment for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Health Care Workforce Shortage
- Autism Benefit and Access to Services



How You Can Help/Get Involved?

- www.OPB.Georgia.gov/planning-and-evaluation/ohsc
- APCD
- Mental Health Legislation



Thank You!

Questions & Comments
