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Introductions

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Medicaid School Program in Ohio

Background Information



- The Medicaid School Program (MSP) allows school districts to receive Medicaid reimbursement when they provide 8 allowable school-based therapy services to students who receive Medicaid and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

- ODM partners with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and **650 school districts and community schools** to provide school-based health services for **125,000** students with disabilities annually. Participating districts received **$48 million** in FY 22 in federal match dollars.

*data source comes from DEW and ODM fiscal for FY 22. Internal data from Data Governance for CY 22 is different.

Why is ODM Updating the Medicaid School Program?

- Under Governor DeWine's administration, ODM has been focusing on improving children's health. A few examples of these efforts include:
  - OhioRISE, a specialized managed care program for complex behavioral health and multisystem needs;
  - Maternal and Infant Supports, including evidence-based home visiting, lactation supports, group pregnancy education and group prenatal care, doula services, housing supports, and care for moms and babies affected by substance use disorder; and
  - Comprehensive Primary Care for Kids and Comprehensive Maternal Care, which are programs that use population health strategies at the practice level that improve the health of patients.

Updates to the Medicaid School Program are a natural transition of this investment in children's health.

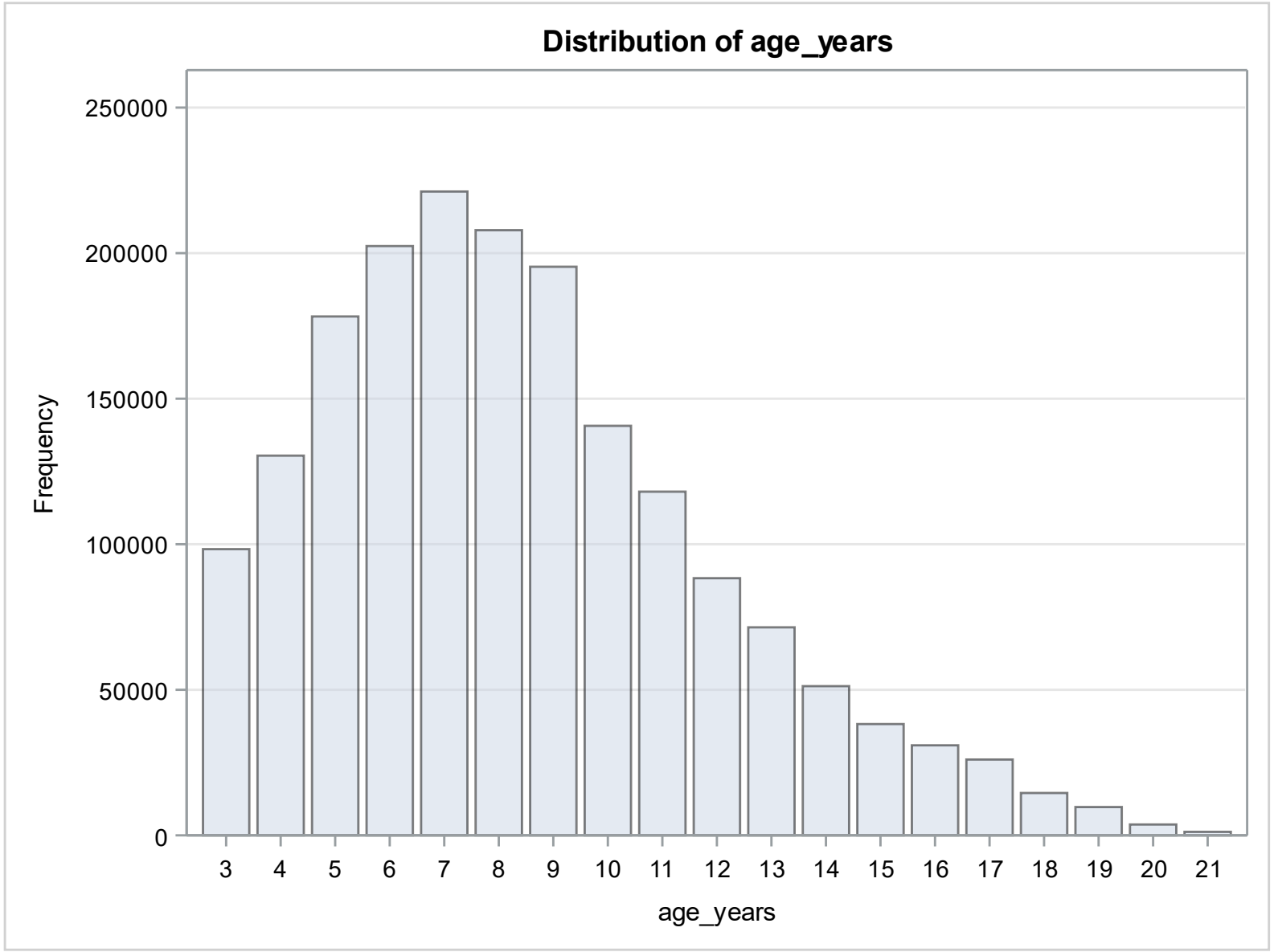
Ohio's School Health Landscape

- Healthy Student Profiles
- Student Wellness and Success Funds
- School-Based Health Centers
- Telehealth in Schools
- Appalachian Children's Initiative
- Medicaid School Program

Medicaid School Program in Ohio

Most Frequent MSP Procedures in CY 22	
TREATMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, VOICE, COMMUNICATION, AND/OR HEARING PROCESSING DISORDER IN A GROUP SETTING	35%
TREATMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, VOICE, COMMUNICATION, AND/OR HEARING PROCESSING DISORDER	22%
THERAPY PROCEDURE USING FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITIES (OT, PT)	21%
THERAPY PROCEDURE IN A GROUP SETTING (OT, PT)	8%
THERAPY PROCEDURE USING EXERCISE TO DEVELOP STRENGTH, ENDURANCE, RANGE OF MOTION, AND FLEXIBILITY, EACH 15 MINUTES	3%

MSP Services by Student Age



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Ohio’s MSP Update Proposal

Draft Proposal for Updating the Medicaid School Program



- Our public commitment:
  - Extend the core MSP benefit package to additional students with disabilities / documented need (beyond IEPs).
  - Update the core MSP benefit package for this population to meet modern needs.
- Additional hybrid option:
  - Create a limited benefit package of “public health services” available to all Medicaid-enrolled students.

Broader definition of disability

Existing school health framework

Strong community partnerships

Incorporate existing priorities

Stakeholder Engagement

-Webinar

265 participants

- 225 Substantive comments
- Attendees represented school districts, community schools, educational service centers, behavioral health providers, school nurses, physical health providers and advocacy organizations.

- Survey

286 respondents:

- 58% of respondents represent a school district, charter school or nonpublic school
- 14% of respondents represent an educational service center
- The remaining 22% identify as school-based providers, billing agents, managed care organizations or a public organization.

MSP Stakeholder Engagement

- Stakeholder Themes:
  - Including 504 plans and IHPs for documentation of need/plans of care
  - Increasing screenings for both physical and behavioral health
  - Early intervention and preschool school services
  - Expanding school nursing services
  - Increase access to Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)
  - Ensure that schools are partnering with community providers, where they exist
  - Ensuring that students are referred to providers after a screening
  - Prioritize what schools are already mandated to do

Proposed Documentation of Need

Current

Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Proposed Additional Documentation of Need

- 504 Plan
- Individualized Health Plan
- Child and Family-Centered Plan (CANS assessment)
- Behavioral health treatment plan
- Universal Health Form administered by DEW

Proposed Documentation of Need – Universal Health Form

Universal Health Form

- As determined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, standardized and timebound care plan outlining the student's physical, mental or behavioral health that inhibits the student's academic progress or regular school attendance.
- ODM and DEW will develop a template and review process for DEW to begin administering for school district use by the 2025-2026 school year.

Proposed Benefit Package for Medicaid-Covered Students with a Care Plan

Current

- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Speech-language pathology
- Audiology
- Nursing
- Mental health services
- Transportation in limited situations
- Targeted case management

Proposed

Update nursing services to include:

- Chronic disease management
- Add Nurse Practitioner as a practitioner
- Add Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Add Physician Assistant

Update mental health services → behavioral health services:

- Benefit package, allowable practitioners not updated since BH redesign
- Collaborating with BH policy to determine which services should be added, removed, to address population needs, continue to ensure access to and use community BH care
- CANS assessment

Extend Targeted Case Management to students enrolled in Medicaid with a care plan.

Proposed Behavioral Health Package for Students with a Care Plan

- Update language in the rule to change from Mental Health to Behavioral Health
- Update the practitioner list to match the Community BH list for each service included in the MSP BH Package
- Keep all current BH services included through MSP
- Add the recommended services to align with community behavioral health:
  - CANS
  - Psychotherapy, 60+ min
  - Multi-family Group Psychotherapy
  - Psychiatric Diagnostic Eval
  - Therapeutic behavioral services (TBS)
  - Substance Abuse Disorder treatment

Current practitioners:	Updated practitioners:
Licensed clinical counselor Licensed counselor Licensed psychologist Licensed school psychologist Licensed independent social worker Licensed social worker	CANS assessor Clinical nurse specialist Certified nurse practitioner Physician assistant Licensed professional clinical counselor Licensed professional counselor Licensed independent marriage and family therapist Licensed marriage and family therapist Marriage and family therapist trainee Licensed independent chemical dependency Licensed chemical dependency counselor II or III counselor Psychology assistant Social work assistant Social work trainee Counselor trainee

Public Health Services for All Medicaid-Enrolled Students

- **Physical health services**
  - Administering medications prescribed by a Medicaid authorized prescriber
  - Contact with providers about prescriptions or treatment orders
  - Preventative screenings

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Behavioral Health Services:

- CANS assessment as defined in Ohio Administrative Code 5160-59-01 that is administered by a CANS assessor for students who don't already have a CANS
- Tobacco prevention and cessation, including vaping
- Preventative behavioral health screenings
- Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT)

Additional MSP Updates for Consideration

- Exploring the addition of Educational Service Centers (ESCs) as MSP providers
- Broadening professionals who can bill for Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)
- Psychotherapy for crisis

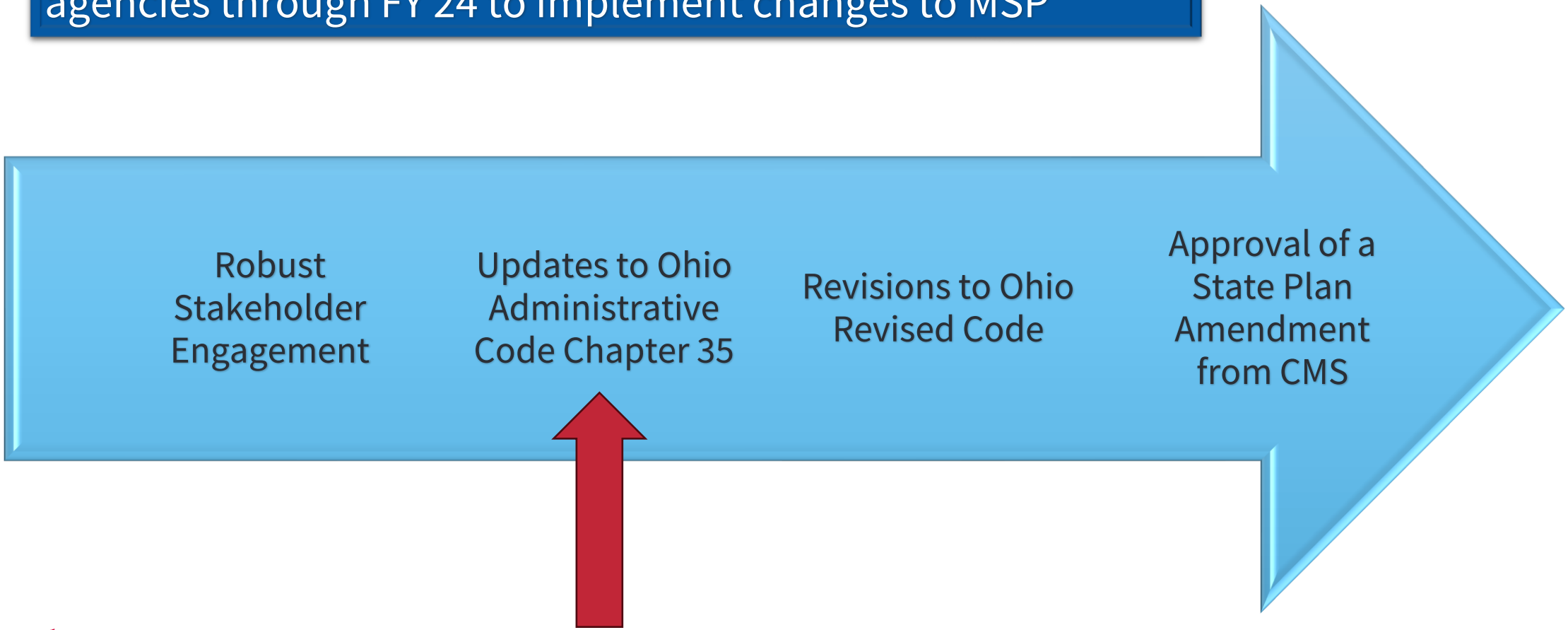
MSP Updates

- What is included:
  - Additional plans of care
  - Updated behavioral health package
  - Updated school nursing services
  - Targeted Case Management for students on a plan of care
  - Hybrid package for all students enrolled in Medicaid

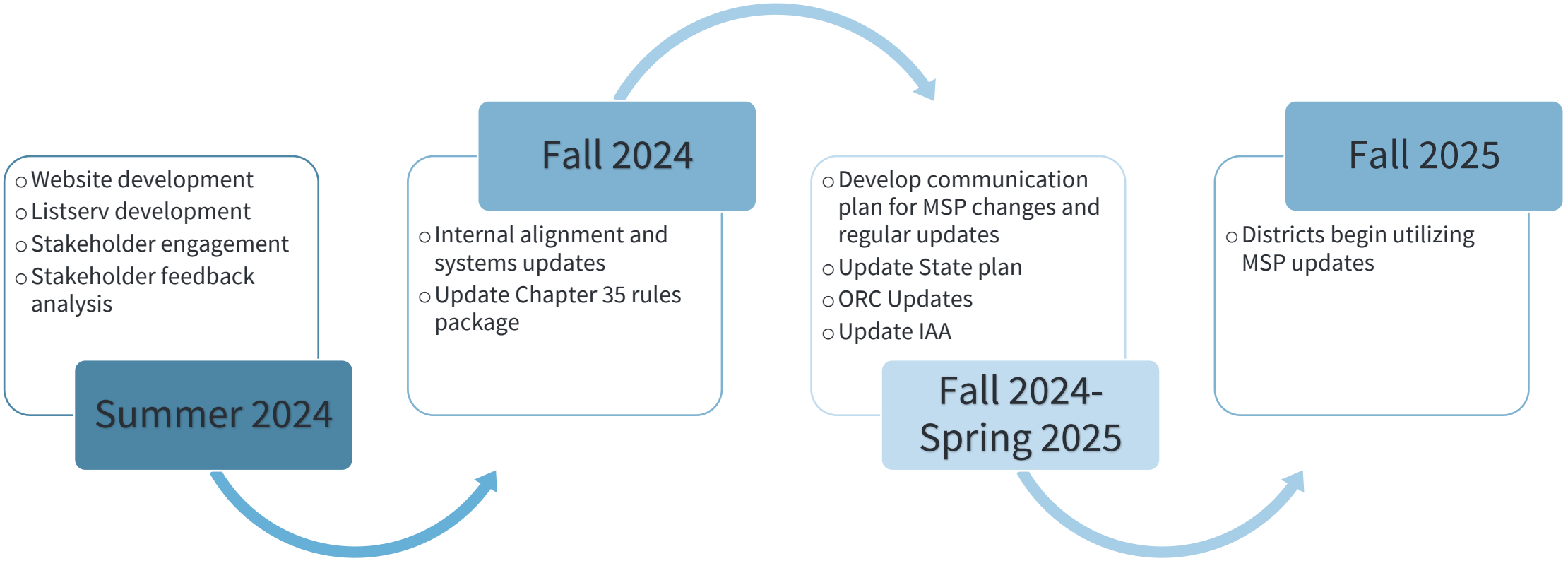
- What is not included:
  - Oral health services
  - BMI and weight management
  - Parent support and education
  - Transportation
  - Prevention activities
    - E.g. PAX Good Behavior Game

MSP Implementation Plan – Key Activities

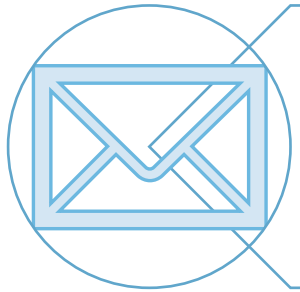
ODM and DEW will work with stakeholders and sister agencies through FY 24 to implement changes to MSP



MSP Implementation - Timeline



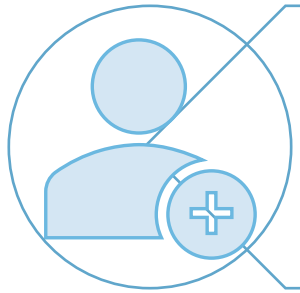
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