



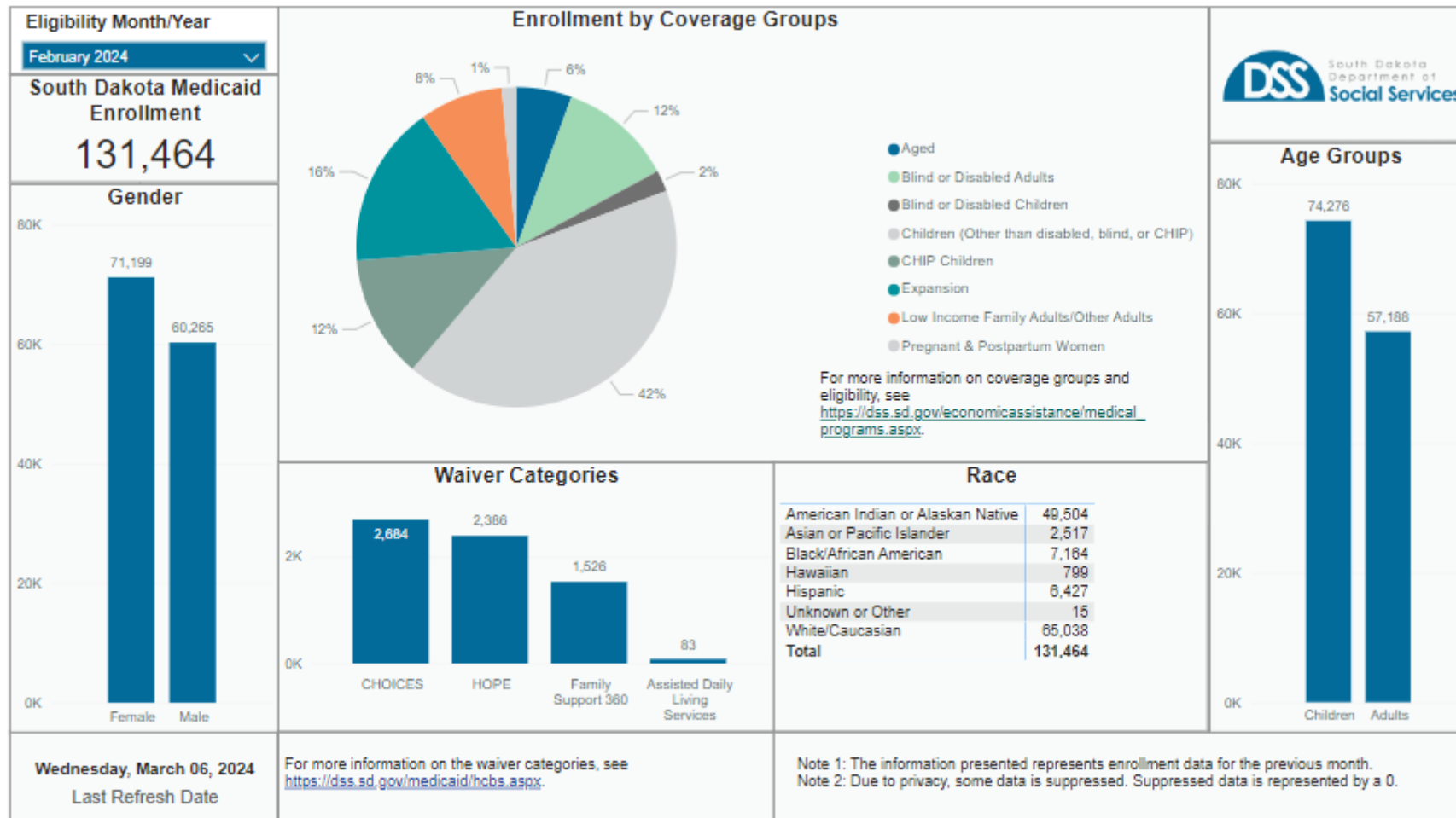
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Medicaid Expansion

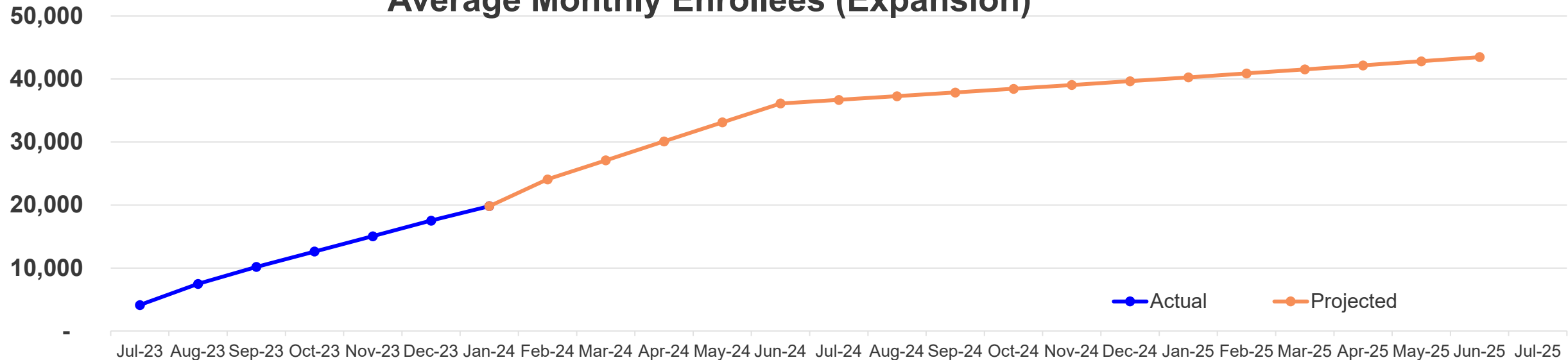
- Visit the DSS [webpage](#) (Medicaid Eligibility Data under General Information) for latest information on enrollment numbers.
- As of end of February, there were 21,562 people enrolled under the new expansion coverage group.



Medicaid Expansion – Enrollment Trends

- Slow and steady enrollment into new Medicaid Expansion group
 - Projecting continued gradual increases with 40,000 average monthly enrolled in FY25
 - Expect continued gradual growth into FY26

**Medicaid Expansion
Average Monthly Enrollees (Expansion)**



Medicaid Expansion– Service Utilization

- Processed 855,020 claims to date
(roughly 26% of total 3.3 million claims)
- For expansion population, nearly \$125 million toward medical services have been paid in SFY24 to date
(roughly 16% of \$783.4 mil for all of Medicaid)
- 93% of Medicaid Expansion recipients have had a paid claim

South Dakota Medicaid Pregnancy Program



The Pregnancy Program is intended to improve maternal health outcomes through enhanced care coordination, services being provided in accordance with standards of care, and reducing barriers to care.

Program Objectives



Increase utilization of prenatal and postpartum care.



Provide & connect pregnant & postpartum women with supports.



Improve health outcomes for pregnant women and their babies.

Benefits of Participation

In addition to an enhanced Per Member Per Month (PMPM) payment, providers will also receive enhanced payments for the following services:

- Patient-Focused Health Risk Assessment
- Person-Centered Care Plan
- Adequate Prenatal Visits
- Transitional Care Plan
- Comprehensive Postpartum Visits

Payments are in addition to traditional fee-for-service payments. The estimated value of additional payments is up to \$950 per recipient.

Medicaid Pregnancy Program

- Compliments coverage changes for pregnant women that occurred 7/1/23:
 - Full coverage for pregnant women (no longer limited to pregnancy related services)
 - Expanded *postpartum* coverage from 60 day to 12 months
- Statewide soft launch April 1, 2024
 - Over 30 clinics, 112 providers participating so far – new providers being added
 - Newly pregnant women identified at time of enrollment invited to select a participating provider
 - Focused attention and sharing of outcome data
- Continued engagement with stakeholders and assistance of marketing/research vendor for outreach to new moms in understanding barriers to care



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Family First Prevention Services Act: Prevention Planning

DSS Board Meeting
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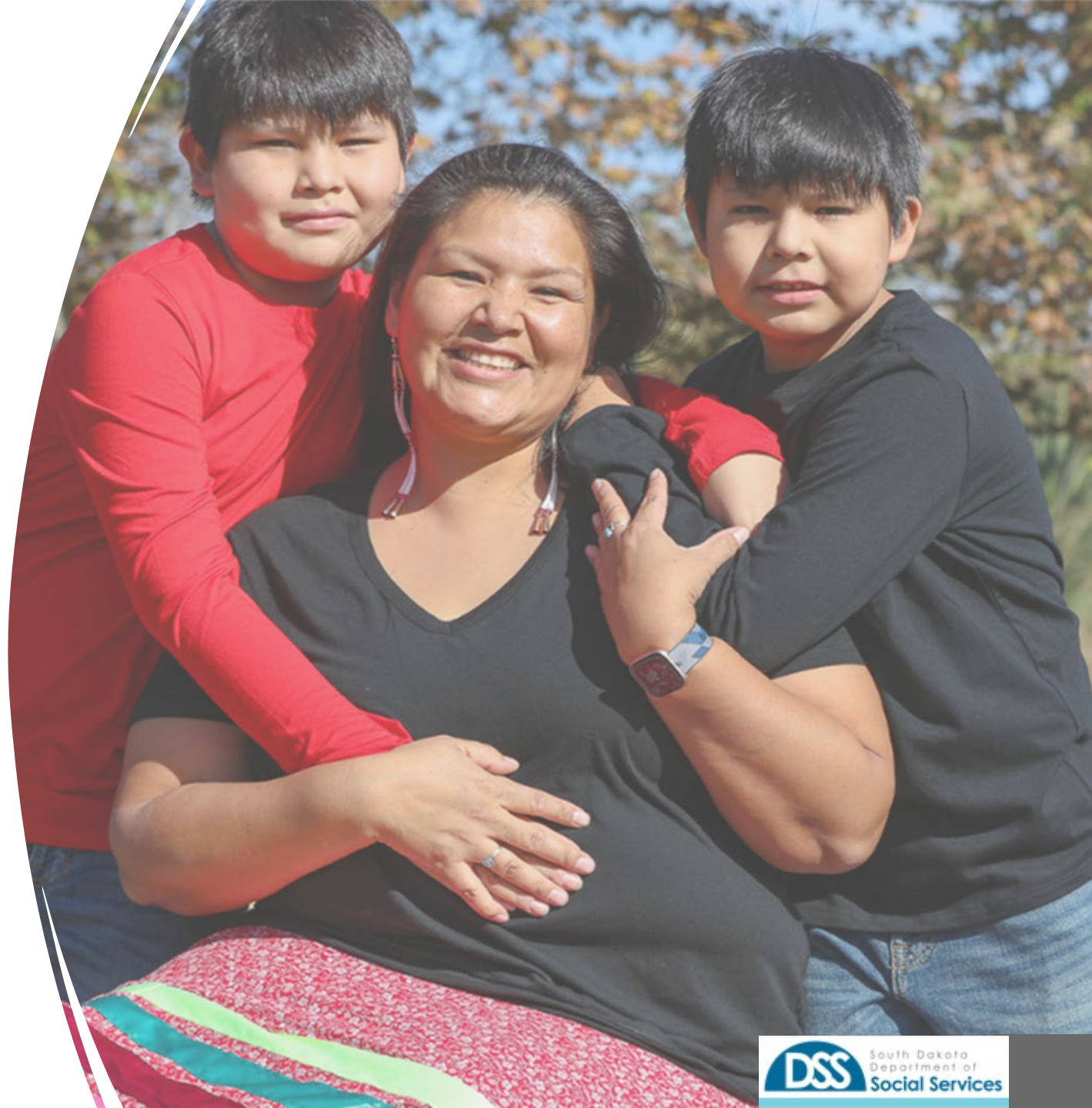
- Primary Objective:
 - Reduce entries into foster care and increase the number of children and youth who can remain safely in their homes.
- Title IV-E Federal Funds for Prevention:
 - Substance Use
 - Parenting Education
 - Mental Health
- Prevention Plan
 - Evidence-Based
 - Trauma Informed



What is FFPSA?

Who Will Be Served:

- Caregivers with limited parental capacity to meet basic needs.
- Child with a serious emotional, behavioral, or mental challenge with without intervention will be unable to reside in own home.
 - This group includes children who have been in foster care or experienced a CPS safety plan.



How FFPSA Will Work:

- Referrals will be made by a wide array of providers.
- FFPSA Providers will:
 - Screen Applicants
 - Complete Assessments
- Evidence Based Programs will be provided.
- Services can be provided for one year however, services can renew at the one-year mark.





What Will Be Offered:

- Trauma-Informed Services
- Program Categories:
 - Parenting Education
 - Substance Use
 - Mental Health



What's Next!

- Prevention Plan Focus
- Broad Prevention Approach
- Implementation
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Communication Plan



Child Care Updates

April 16, 2024





Child Care State Plan Overview

The Child Care State Plan is required every three years.

Plan Covers:

- Child Care Assistance Program
- Child Care Licensing
- Child Care Quality

Plan Input & Consultation:

- Local Governments
- State Advisory Council
- Tribal Partners
- Public Input

Plan Period: October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026



Child Care Federal Final Rule Overview

Title: Improving Child Care Access, Affordability, and Stability in the Child Care and Development Fund

Final Rule Published: 3.1.2024

Effective Date: 4.30.2024



Lower Child Care Costs for Families

Prohibits Family Co-payments Above 7% of Family Income

- *No impact in SD*: Current copayments are less than 2% of household income.

Allows States to Eliminate Co-payments for More Families

- *No impact in SD*: Current copayments are waived for families under 170% FPL due to South Dakota utilizing the flexibility to waive copayment for “other factors determined by the lead agency.”

Increases Consumer Education

- *No impact in SD*: The sliding fee scale and the Child Care Assistance policy manual are posted on the DSS website.



Improves Payments to Child Care Providers

Enrollment Based-Payments

- *No impact in SD*: Effective January 2024 payment policy changes were implemented to allow providers to bill the full authorized child care assistance amount regardless of temporarily fluctuations in attendance. The current Child Care State Plan was amended, and approved, to reflect this change to enrollment-based payments.

Prospective Payments

- *Impact in SD*: Currently, Child Care Assistance payments are reimbursement-based.
- In the future, payments will be prospective; meaning, the child care provider is paid prior to care of the child.
- This will be achieved upon implementation of BEES Child Care module (est. September 2025).

Pay Established Subsidy Rate

- *Impact in SD*: Currently, Child Care Assistance caps payment at the child care provider's declared public rate.
- In the future, payments will not be capped; meaning, child care providers will be paid at the state's rate (established by the Market Rate Survey).
- This will be achieved upon implementation of BEES Child Care module (est. September 2025).



Improves Payments to Child Care Providers

Ensure Providers are not Negatively Impacted by Family Co-Payments

- *No impact in SD*: Total payment to a provider (subsidy payment amount and family co-payment) is not impacted by the cost-sharing policies.

Build Supply with Grants and Contracts

- *Impact in SD*: Anticipate an impact, but still too early to determine extent.
- Currently, Child Care Assistance utilizes contracted slots for families receiving TANF, which ensures the parent is able to participate in the required TANF activity.
- Requires some grants/contracts for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children in underserved geographic areas.



Make Family Enrollment Easier and Faster

Encourages Faster Eligibility through Presumptive Eligibility

- *No impact in SD*: 30 days of presumptive eligibility allowed for applicants identifying as homeless.

Clarifies Eligibility for Additional Siblings

- *Impact in SD*: If an additional sibling is added to the home, they receive a full 12-months of eligibility. The federal recommendation is to extend eligibility for the original children to align with a full 12 months for the newly added child. Extensions are allowable, but no child may receive less than 12-month eligibility.
- This will be achieved upon implementation of BEES Child Care module (est. September 2025).

Simplifies Verifications

- *No impact in SD*: Already use verifications from other programs, such as TANF, to determine eligibility for Child Care Assistance program.

Minimize Disruption to Families

- *No impact in SD*: Online application is currently in place. BEES will further improve connections with families through electronic notices and access to the customer portal.

Questions?



Thank You

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Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment System (BEES)



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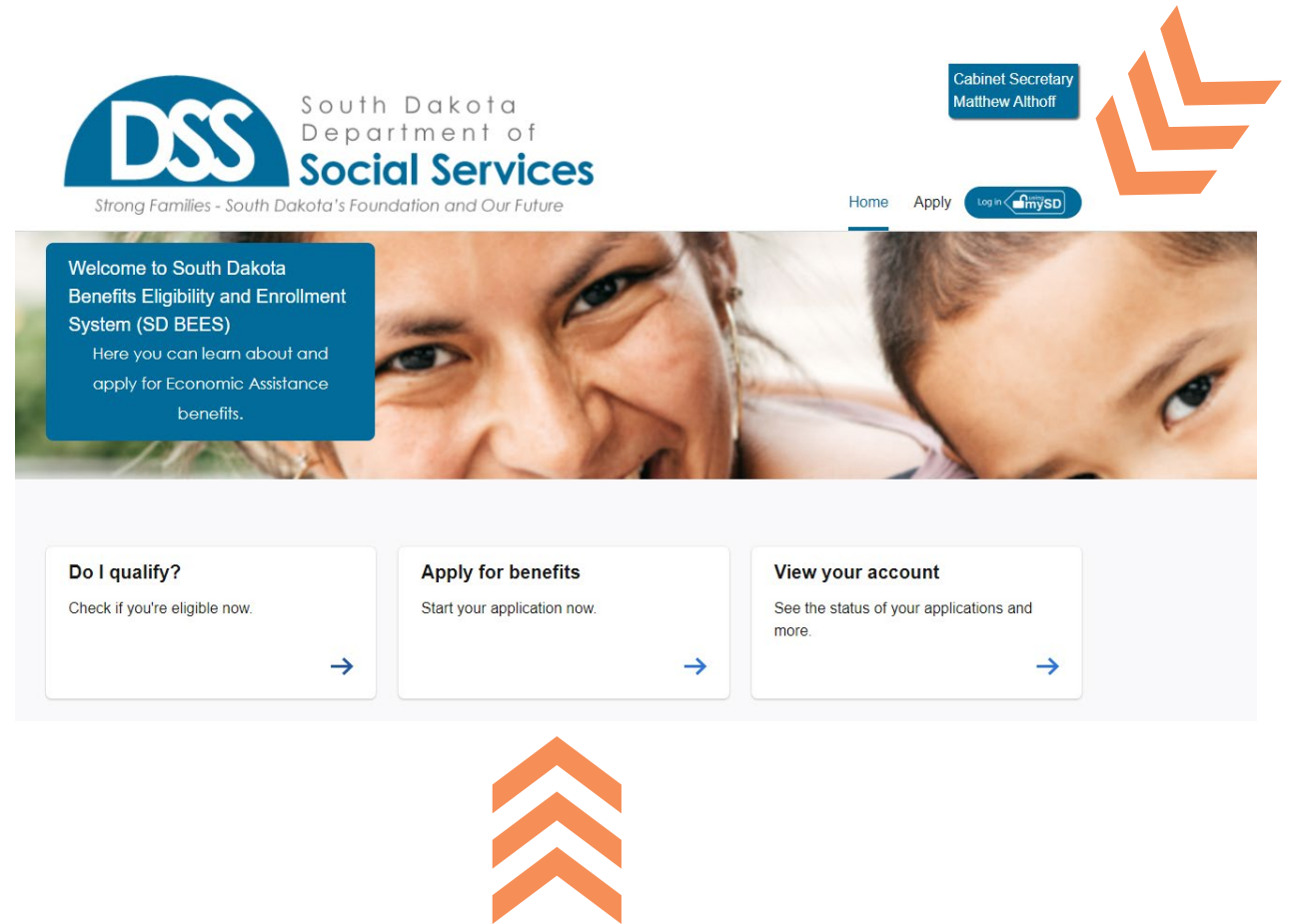
Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment System (BEES) launched March 4, 2024.

Includes functionality for both DSS staff and customers.

Streamlines processes and enhances user experience.

The system will initially be limited to eligibility for Medical Assistance programs (Medicaid).

Planning/development for SNAP, TANF, Childcare Assistance, and Energy Assistance benefits solutions in motion.



Launch success

- Customers are applying.
- Eligibility determinations area being completed.
- Benefits are being issued and providers are being paid.
- No processing delays.

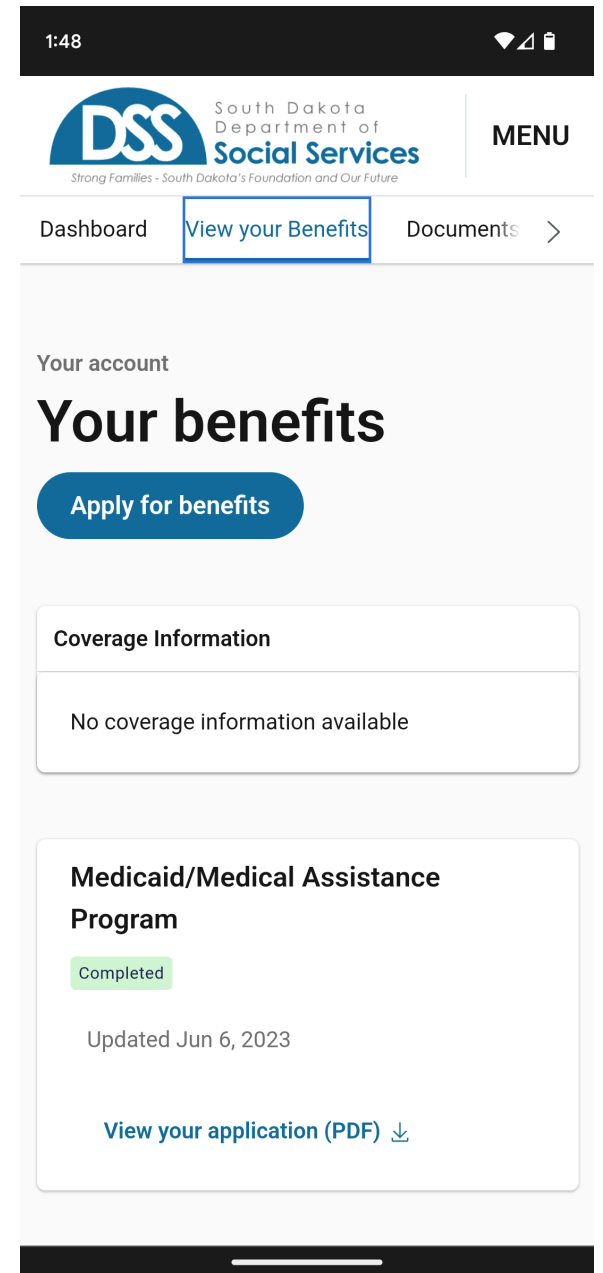


Customer Portal Functionality

The BEES Customer Portal delivers enhanced functionality to applicants and enrollees:

- Apply for Medicaid/CHIP and/or SNAP;
- Report changes;
- Complete renewals;
- Check coverage/application status;
- View notices;
- Select communication preference;
- Request appeals; and
- Find contact information.

Site is mobile-friendly.



Customer Portal Accounts

Dashboard [View your Benefits](#) Documents Report Changes Notices Appeals Local Office Settings

Your account

Your benefits

[Apply for benefits](#)

Coverage Information

Henrietta Beesbox
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Report Changes

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Overview

Here you can report changes. If you are the primary member on this case, you can report changes for other household member(s).

Economic Assistance Benefits

1 Prepare

You will be asked to review the information we have on this case. Type of changes that can be reviewed and reported on:

- **Personal details:** name, SSN
- **Income:** wages, lottery winnings
- **Expenses:** rent, health insurance premiums
- **Resources:** bank accounts, vehicles

2 Report your change

It's important we have the latest information so everyone in the household receives the assistance for which they might be eligible. Complete this form to report changes.

After submitting, you will get a confirmation message telling about next steps.

3 Decision

Once we've processed your documents, you will receive a notice if there are any changes to your benefits.

[Start](#)

Apply for Benefits

The questions in the online application are dynamic.

Applicants review and confirm their information, can register to vote, and are able to sign electronically.

A confirmation of application submission is sent to their email with a confirmation number.

You can include any of the following benefits as part of your application.

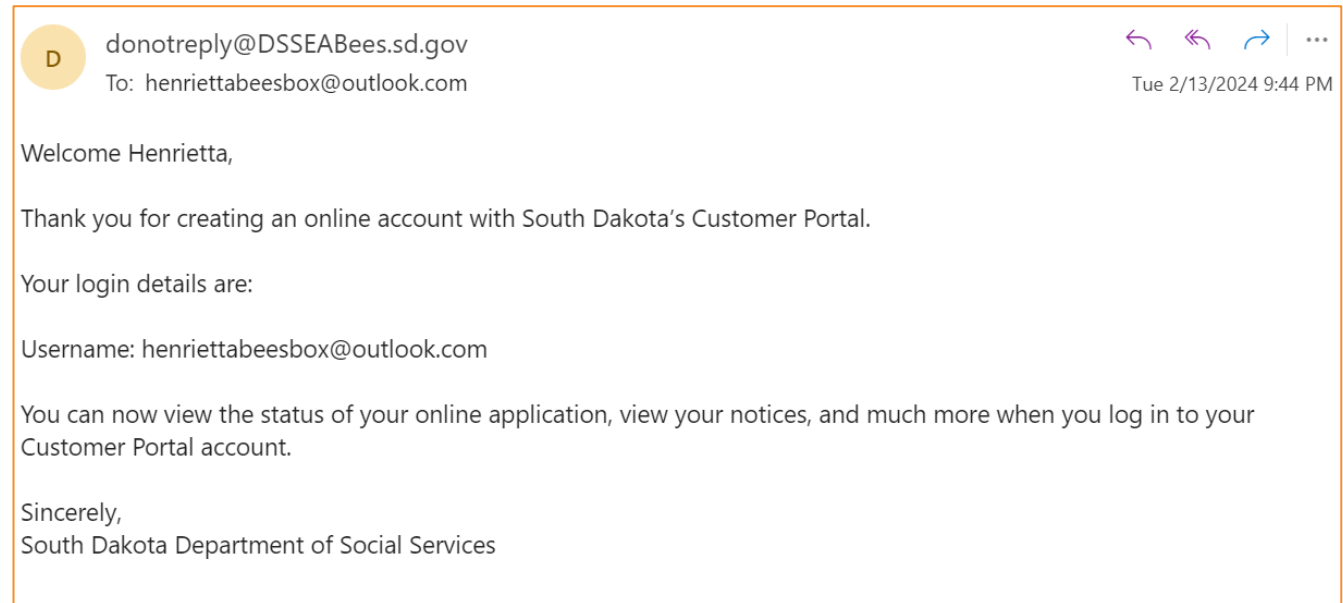
Select all benefits

Medicaid/Medical Assistance Program

Retroactive Medicaid

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

[Continue](#)



Pre-Screen for Benefits

Pre-Screening Details

To complete your prescreening, please answer the following:

Adults

Children Under 19:

Total monthly gross household income

Are there any pregnant women in the household?

Is there any person(s) in the household who is 60 or older OR blind and/or disabled?

Is there any person(s) in the household residing in a medical institution or receiving home and community based services?

Next



The screenshot shows the South Dakota Department of Social Services website. At the top, it features the DSS logo and the text "South Dakota Department of Social Services" with the tagline "Strong Families - South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future". A blue box identifies the Cabinet Secretary as Matthew Althoff. Navigation links for "Home" and "Apply" are visible, along with a "Log In" button for "mySD". A large banner image of a smiling woman and child is overlaid with a blue text box that reads: "Welcome to South Dakota Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment System (SD BEES). Here you can learn about and apply for Economic Assistance benefits." Below the banner, three white buttons with blue arrows are displayed: "Do I qualify? Check if you're eligible now.", "Apply for benefits Start your application now.", and "View your account See the status of your applications and more." The "Do I qualify?" button is highlighted with a red border.



Questions?

Human Services Center

Strategic Goals Update

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HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

The goal is to help individuals with behavioral health needs, who cannot be served in less restrictive settings, stabilize and return to the community.

Who is served

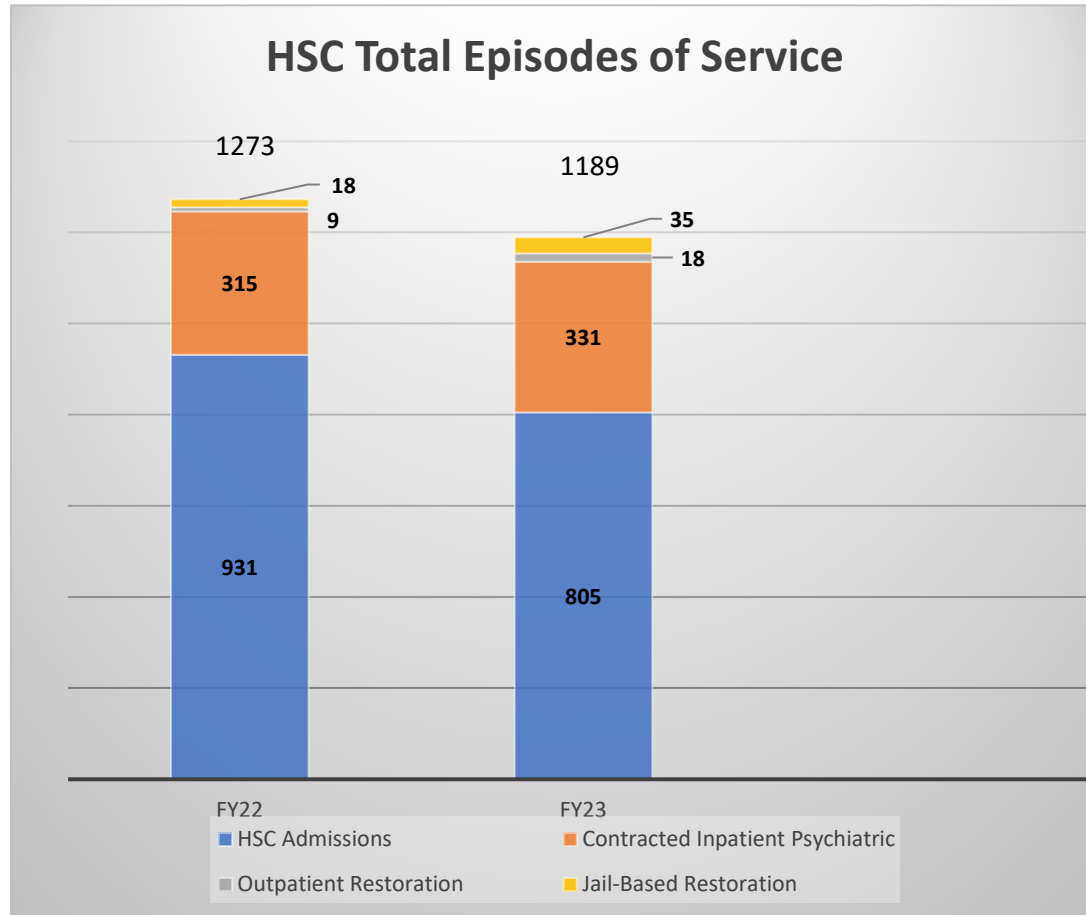
- Individuals ages 12 to end of life who are unable to be served by other providers – a less restrictive environment is not an option for them.

Services Provided

- Adult and adolescent inpatient psychiatric treatment
- Adult inpatient substance use disorder treatment
- Licensed nursing facility
- Court-ordered competency restoration



Episodes of Service



- HSC Admissions
- Contract Inpatient Psychiatric Admissions
- Outpatient Restoration to Competency
- Jail-Based Restoration to Competency



HSC Strategic Goals

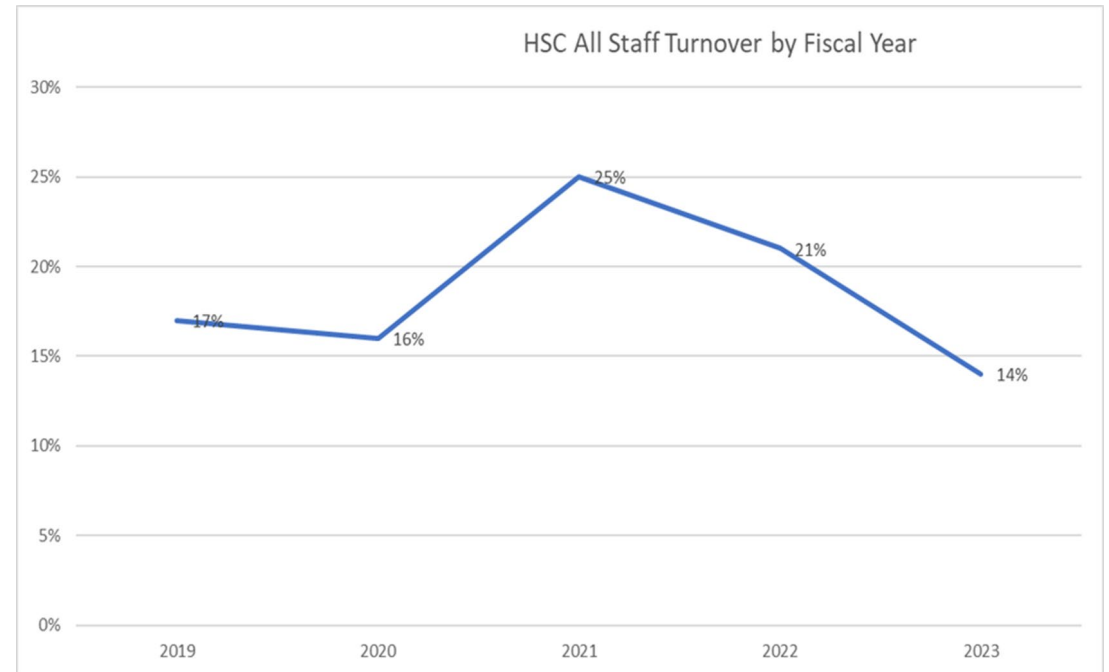
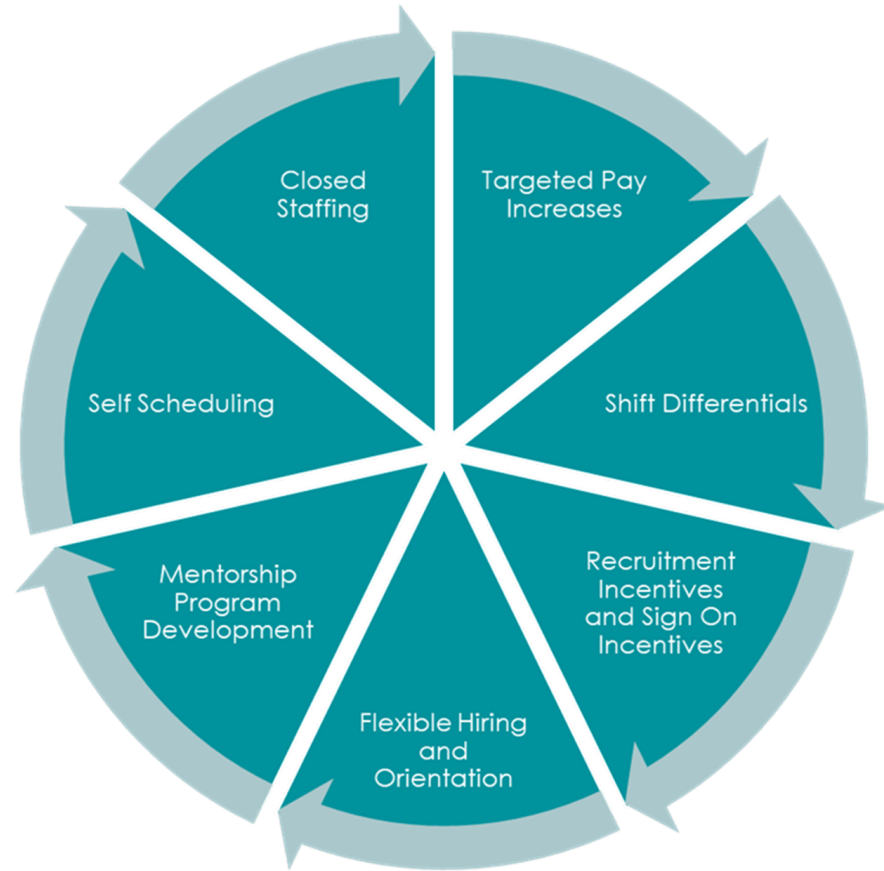
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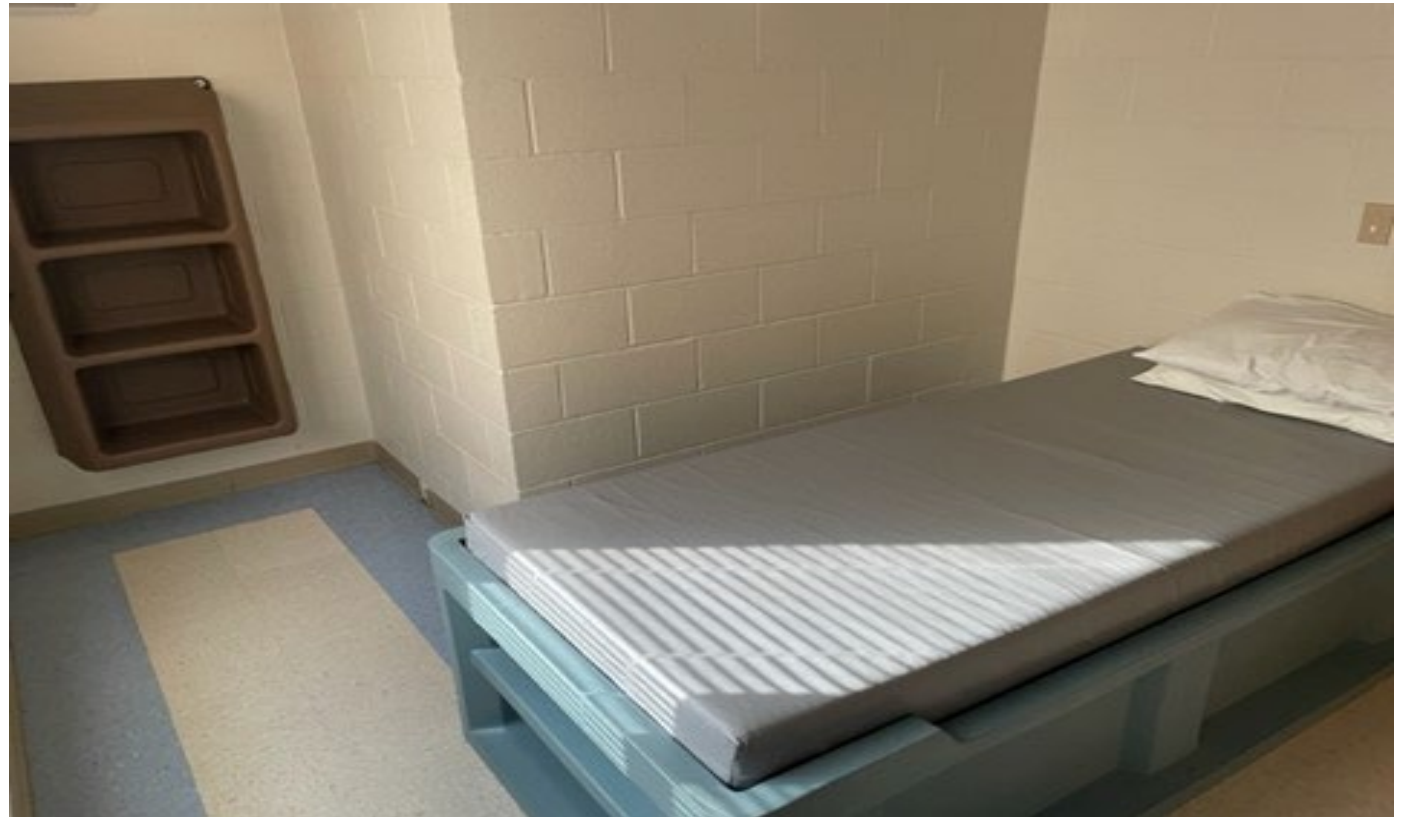
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Next Steps

- Review with Leadership
 - Progress to date
 - New action items for the future
- Utilize Employee Engagement Data
 - Focused surveys to staff
- Quarterly Review of outcomes



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