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Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy Planning Committee



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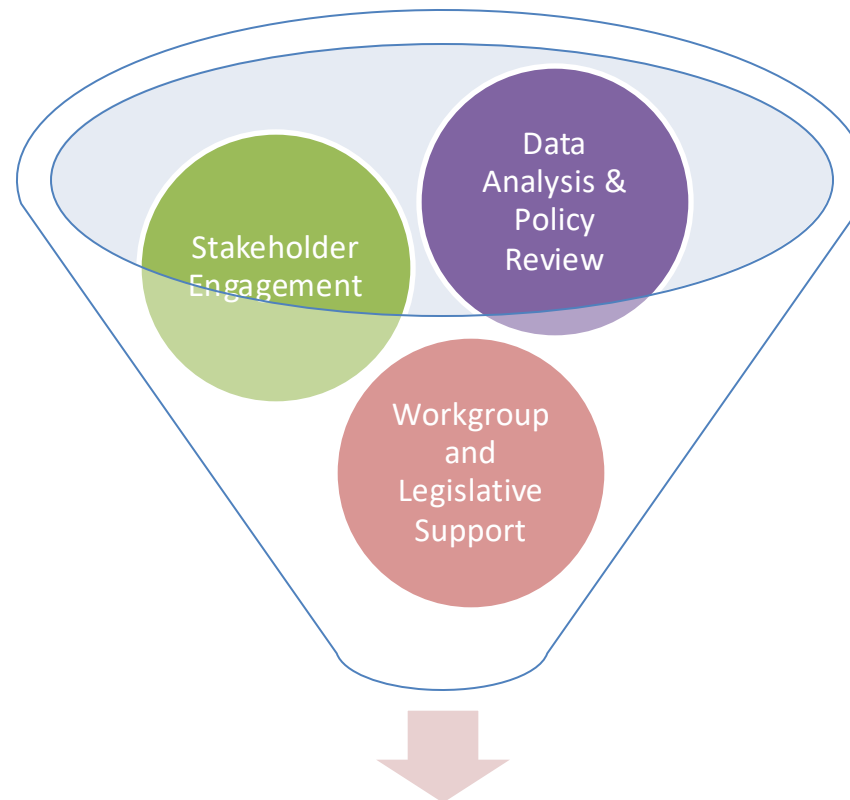
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Scope Review

- **Origin of the Works is based on 2025HB - 07287**
 - *Sec.369 Not later than September 1, 2026, the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, in collaboration with the Departments of Education and Social Services, shall develop a framework and operational guidelines to streamline Medicaid billing by municipalities for Medicaid-eligible school-based behavioral health services. Not later than October 1, 2026, the committee shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the framework and operational guidelines with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, education and human services.*

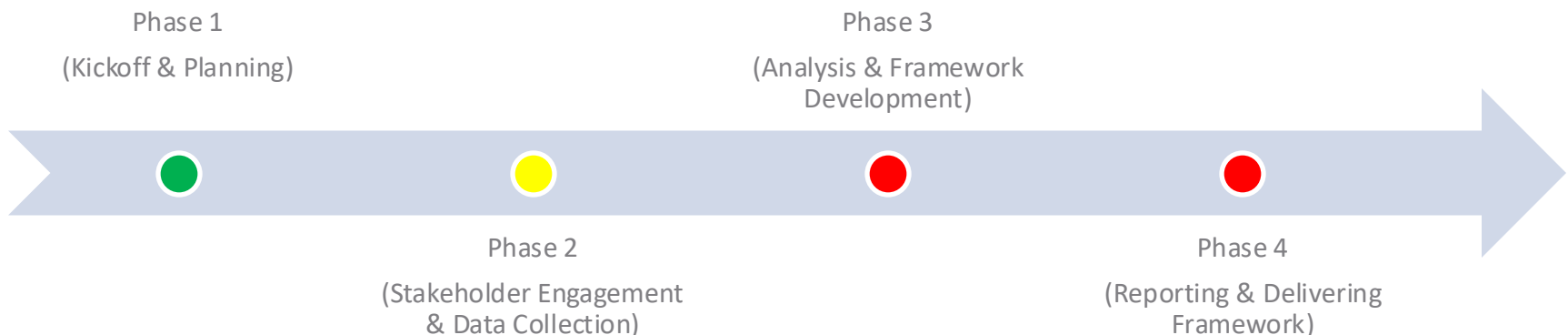
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Framework for Addressing Behavioral
Health Service Billing in Schools

Progress Update

- Developing a survey on barriers to claiming Behavioral Health/ setting up live meetings with schools
- Researching approaches to increase schools' claiming/ federal reimbursement for Behavioral Health
- Gathering Data from DSS on School-Based Medicaid Claiming
- Interviewing other states and school districts for benchmarking purposes



Task	May	June	July	August	September	October
Phase 1: Kickoff & Planning						
Project kickoff with UNH and TCB Workgroup						
Finalize work plan, timeline, and communication protocols						
Identify and confirm sample school districts and partners						
Conduct landscape review of SBCH and DSS/CSDE data						
Phase 2: Stakeholder Engagement & Data Collection						
Design focus group and survey instruments						
Conduct focus groups with small/non-billing school districts						
Conduct focus groups/surveys with Medicaid billing providers						
Analyze reimbursement data from DSS, Medicaid vendors, CSDE						
Review third-party vendor landscape for small districts						
Ongoing Throughout Project						
Participation in TCB School Billing Subgroup meetings						
Progress reporting and stakeholder communication						