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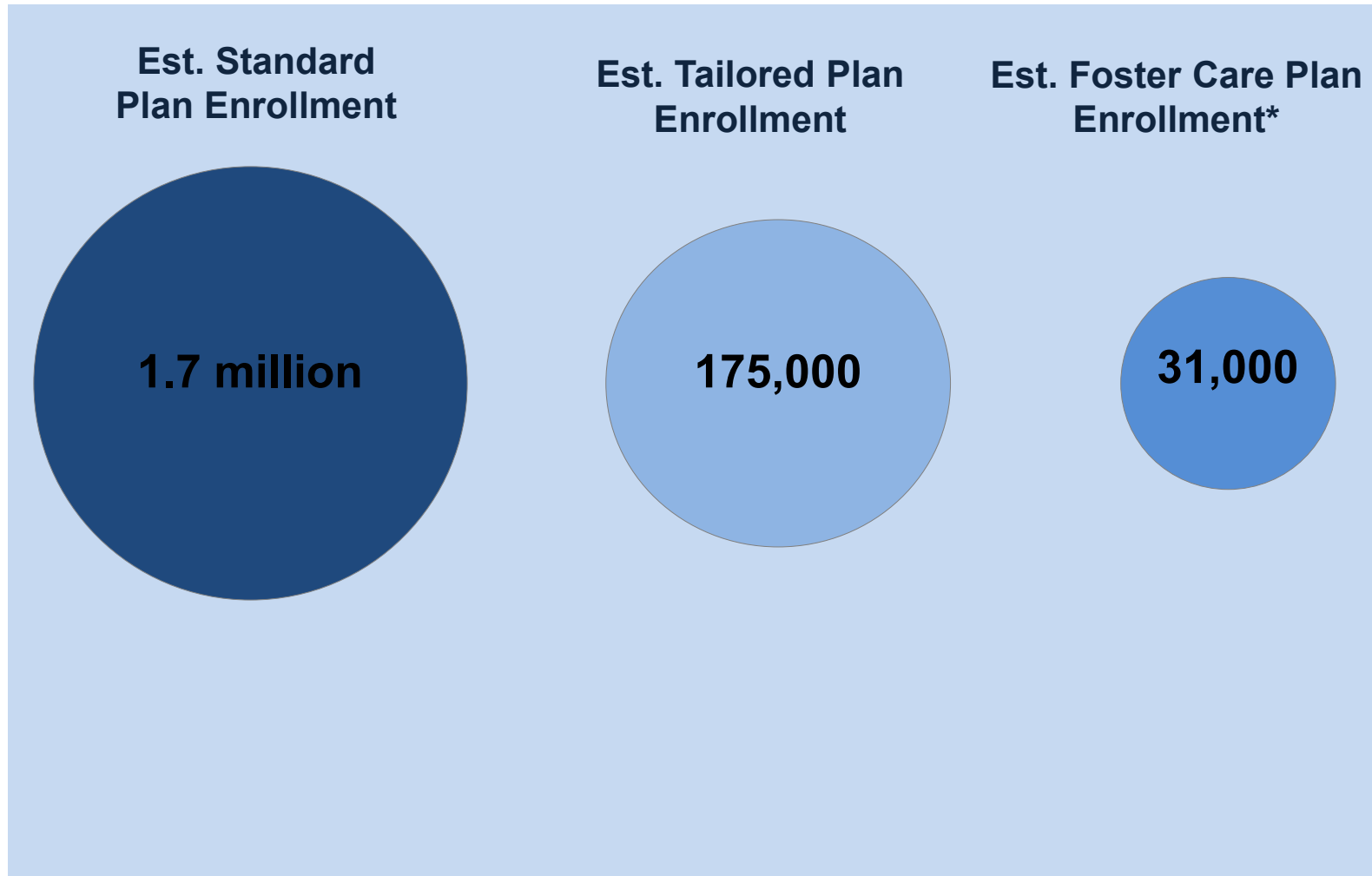
NC Department of Health and Human Services

Children and Families Specialty Plan

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By the Numbers: Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment



*Based on January 2021 data analysis using proposed eligibility criteria; does not account for additional eligible population if eligibility expands

Current Challenges for Children in Foster Care

- **Chronic medical conditions**
- **Disruptions and delays in access to care due to frequent placement changes**
- **Multiple entities involved in their care**
- **Limited array of available community-based services to support placement in least restrictive setting possible**
- **Quality and coordination of access to services varies based on where a child's Medicaid originates.**
- **Children with complex physical and behavioral health needs have higher rates of care in restrictive settings**
- **Bifurcated system with limited focus on addressing unique challenges of children in foster care**

Stakeholder Input on CFSP Design

Stakeholders have played an important role in shaping the CFSP design.



CFSP Plan Workgroup

- The CFSP Plan Workgroup met on a regular basis from **April 2021 through January 2022** to provide input and feedback on key areas of CFSP design. Certain features of the plan were revised based on this input.



Breakout Stakeholder Sessions

- Breakout sessions were held with:
 - Consumers and family advocates
 - Families and youth with lived experience
 - Family-led organizations
 - Guardians-ad-litem
 - EBCI Tribal representatives and members



DSS Engagement

- DSS Directors, NCACDSS Executive Board and staff at both state and local DSS offices provided input to inform decision-making on CFSP design

In February 2022 DHHS released and solicited feedback on the CFSP policy approach

Children and Families Specialty Plan (CFSP)* Statewide Design

- **Single accountable entity serving children, youth, and families no matter where they are in the state**
- **Individuals and families have choice of plan**
- **Plan focused on unique needs of children and families served by the child welfare system with emphasis on keeping families together**
- **Access to continuous services, maintain treatment plans and providers when children experience a change in placement**
- **Plan based care managers with training, experience and approach targeted to children and families in child welfare**
- **Plan requirements address county DSS offices' specific needs while promoting consistency in collaboration and coordination of health needs and colocation of CFSP staff in local offices**
- **Network adequacy standards tied to service needs of population**
- **Quality metrics focused on needs of children and families**

Current CFSP Timeline

