

## LOUISIANA TITLE XXI STATE PLAN

### Student Wellness Project

As permitted under section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act and federal regulations at 42 CFR 457.10, et. sec., the Student Wellness Project will use CHIP funding for a health services initiative (HSI), within the 10 percent federal administrative expenditures cap allowed for states, in accordance with 2105(c)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act. The Student Wellness Project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of economically disadvantaged children in Louisiana by increasing access to behavioral health care and supporting school-based health services. These services will be delivered both in-school, virtually, and in the community, covering mental health and behavioral health services, chronic condition management, care coordination, health screenings, and providing health education and resources.

### Target Population

The Student Wellness Project targets economically disadvantaged children in school, as defined in La. R.S. 17:3882 including, but not limited to, children who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid.

### Geographic Scope

The Student Wellness Project currently operates in limited high need, parishes with the ability to expand.

### Services provided

Children spend much of their day in school, making it a natural setting to provide access to care. The Student Wellness Project delivers services where children already are, reducing absences and increasing access to necessary care. Since its launch for the 2023-2024 school year, the Student Wellness Project has made an impact on the wellbeing of children and youth, particularly addressing access to health services with a focus on behavioral health.

### Health Care Providers

Health services are delivered in schools by credentialed staff appropriate for the service, including but not limited to, registered nurses and social workers.

The State assures that funding under this health services initiative (HSI) will not supplant or match CHIP federal funds with any other federal funds, nor will it allow any other federal funds to supplant or match CHIP federal funds. The non-federal share of the CHIP funding for the student wellness project will be provided to LDH by local units of government in the form of intergovernmental transfer in accordance with procedures specified by LDH. The projected cost of this program is \$13,323,306.