

**Chair, School-Based Health Centers Committee
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MCHRC Charge:

- **“Study school-based health center funding and access issues including:
 - (i) **Reimbursement of school-based health centers by managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; and**
 - (ii) **Methods to expand school-based health centers to provide primary care services”****

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MCHRC Policy Perspectives:

- **Serve as a catalyst for meaningful dialogue among interested parties on reimbursement issues, expansion of primary care and behavioral health in school-based health centers and security issues**
- **Initiate pilot projects that focus on expanding primary care and behavioral health in school-based health centers**
- **Broaden current school-based health center services to complement community-based primary care and behavioral health services**

MCHRC Strategies:

- **Create a vision that addresses:**

Primary care, behavioral health and dental access issues

Parental, community, governmental agency, provider and payer participation in school-based health centers

Reimbursement issues for all payers

Information exchange strategies to improve care and billing processes

Security measures for school-based health centers

- **Conduct mandated studies on access and reimbursement issues**
- **Sponsor a pilot project to develop a centralized billing system for school-based health centers**
- **Identify opportunities for connecting school-based health centers to clinical and data information exchange initiatives**
- **Link school-based health centers with existing primary care providers**
- **Explore, identify opportunities and if appropriate promote Expanded services to include parents and siblings of enrolled students**