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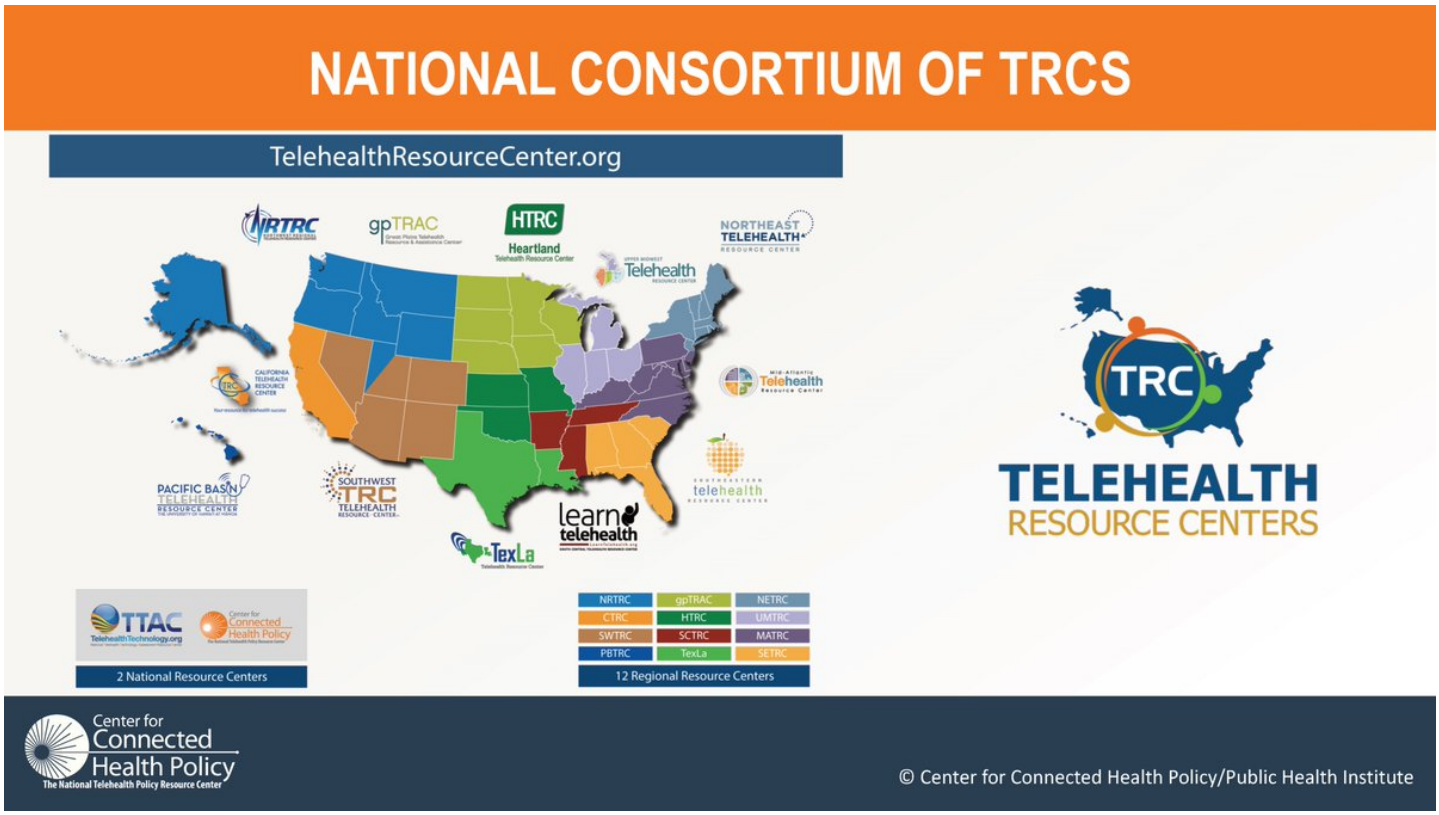
CCHP's Executive Director, Mei Kwong, kicks off today's webinar with an introduction to @CCHPCA and @TheNCTRC! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP



Sheri Gaskins from @CMSGov provides a great overview of telehealth in Medicaid! "Telehealth is not a service - it is a delivery mechanism." #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Telehealth

- Telehealth, in short, is described as using technology to deliver services.
- Services are covered in Medicaid and can be delivered using telehealth.
- Examples of technologies are asynchronous store and forward, two-way real time audio/visual communication, telephone, etc.
- Medicaid coverage of services delivered via telehealth not dependent on Medicare rules governing telehealth.

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A telehealth toolkit has been developed by @CMSGov and provides an up-to-date view of telehealth in Medicaid! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Telehealth Toolkit

- Provides states with statutory and regulatory infrastructure issues to consider as they evaluate the need to expand their telehealth capabilities and coverage policies. This guide provides a description of these areas and the challenges they present including:
  - Patient populations eligible for telehealth
  - Coverage and reimbursement policies
  - Providers and practitioners eligible to furnish telehealth
  - Technology requirements
  - Pediatric considerations

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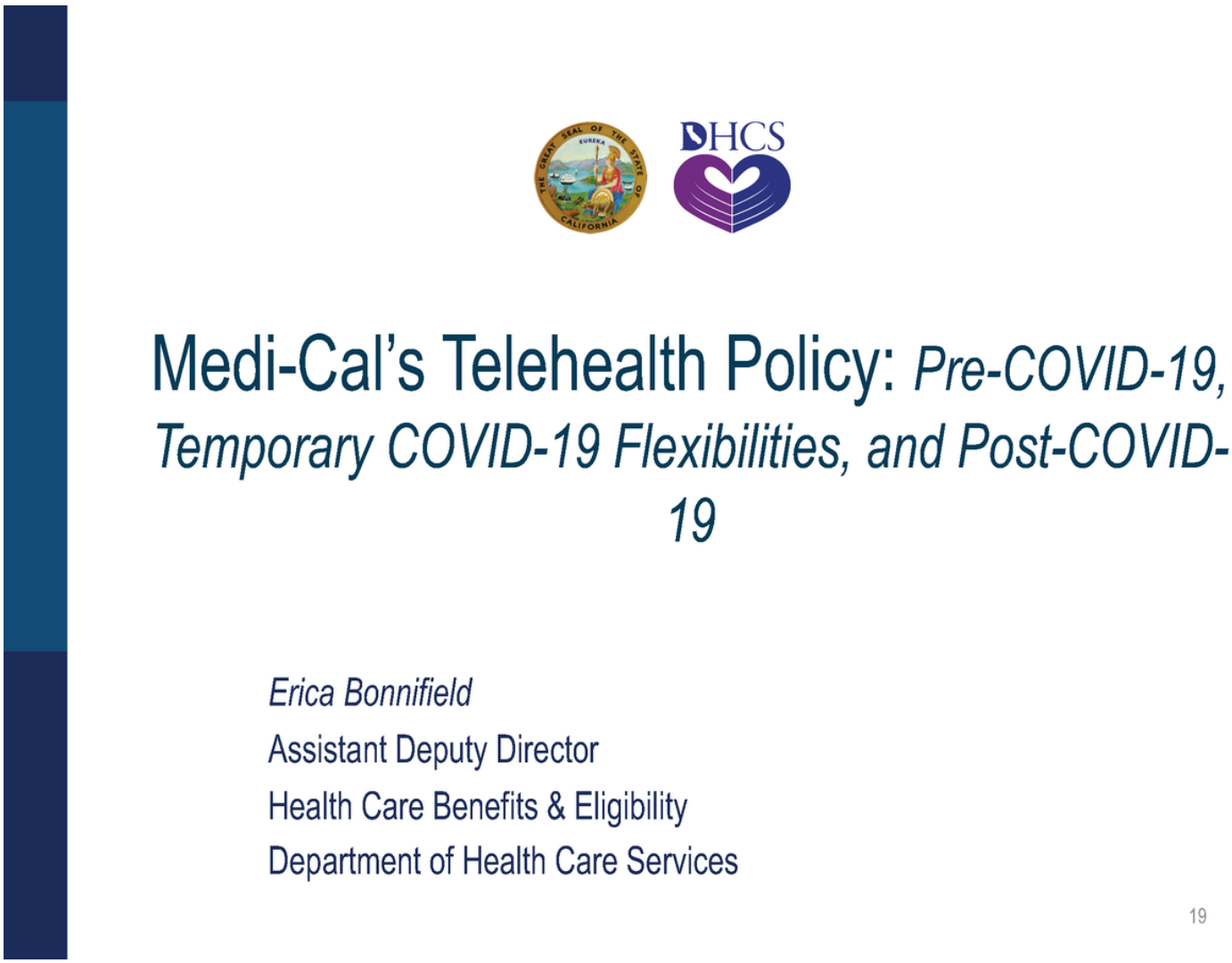
Q&A with Sheri Gaskins from @CMSgov: "In general, states have a great deal of flexibility of what can be furnished by Telehealth in FQHCs/RHCs." #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Check out the Medicaid & CHIP Telehealth Toolkit Checklist for states from @CMSGov! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP https://t.co/kU31fEU4Tv

Erica Bonnifield from @DHCS_CA begins her presentation on Medi-Cal's Telehealth Policy! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP



States have established different telehealth flexibilities during the pandemic. CCHP has developed a helpful COVID-19 state actions tracking page that is updated regularly: https://t.co/38mqYNeSXb #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Q&A with Erica Bonnifield of @DHCS_CA: Q: Have these additional flexibilites for Medi-Cal led to increased use of telehealth among providers? A: "We've seen a significant sharp increase in the use of telehealth..." #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Several resources are available on COVID-19 flexibilities in Medi-Cal's Telehealth Policy:

DHCS Website: https://t.co/UWLn4AcjmF

Medi-Cal Provider Manual:
https://t.co/EoUBWpZqxo

COVID-19 Flexibilities:

https://t.co/isdsnUznSS

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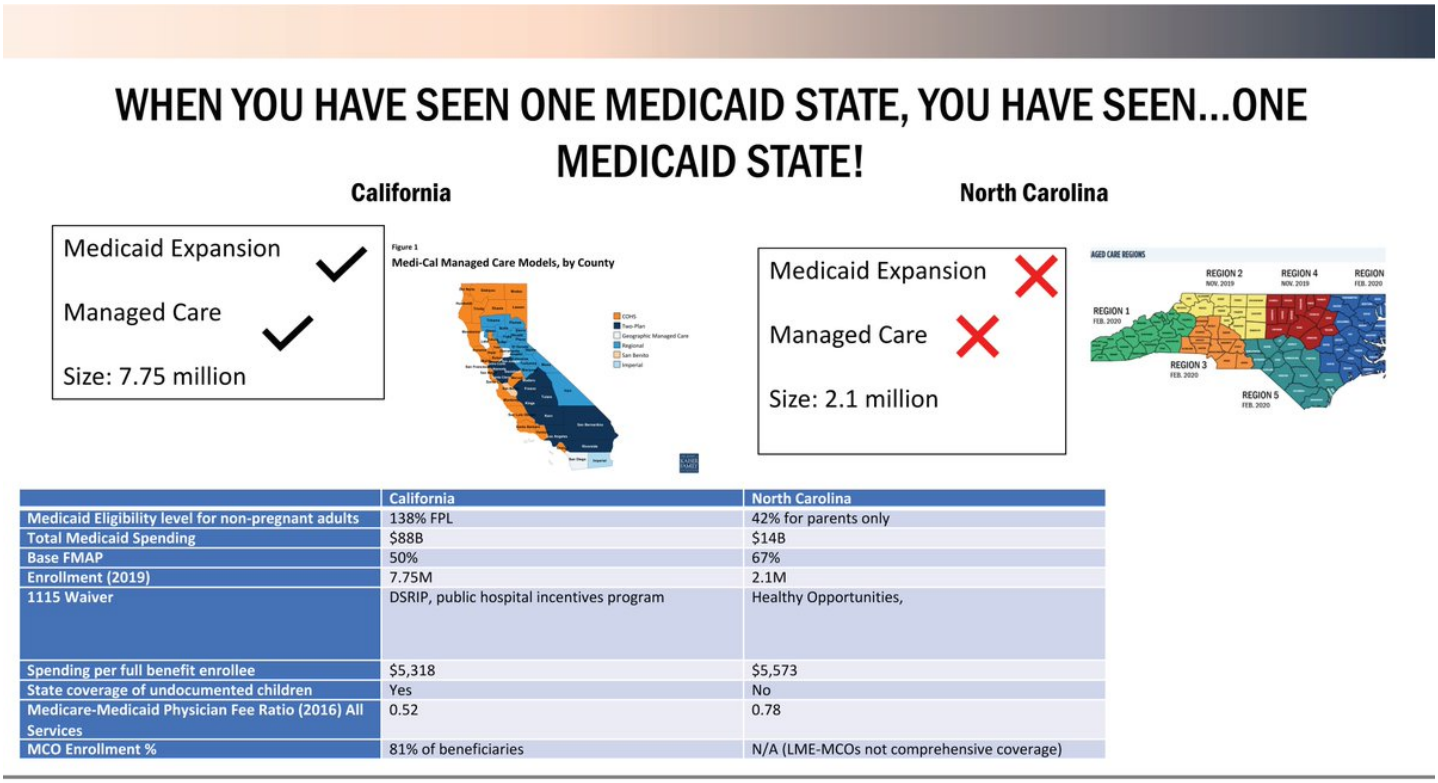
@DShannondowler of North Carolina Medicaid explains how each state establishes their own Medicaid policies. #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP



	California	North Carolina
Medicaid Eligibility level for non-pregnant adults	138% FPL	42% for parents only
Total Medicaid Spending	$88B	$14B
Base FMAP	50%	67%
Enrollment (2019)	7.75M	2.1M
1115 Waiver	DSRIP, public hospital incentives program	Healthy Opportunities,
Spending per full benefit enrollee	$5,318	$5,573
State coverage of undocumented children	Yes	No
Medicare-Medicaid Physician Fee Ratio (2016) All Services	0.52	0.78
MCO Enrollment %	81% of beneficiaries	N/A (LME-MCOs not comprehensive coverage)

@DShannondowler of @ncdhhs: The White and American Indian subgroups have a disproportionately high volume of claims relative to their share of the NC Medicaid population. #telehealth #healthdisparities #TelehealthMedicaidCCHP

Thank you to all of our speakers during today's #Telehealth and #Medicaid webinar! Sheri Gaskins of @CMSGov, Erica Bonnifield of @DHCS_CA, @DShannondowler of @ncdhhs #TelehealthMedicaidCCHP



Join us on January 22 for our second webinar in our winter series, Provider Engagement & Education! #TelehealthMedicaidCCHP Register here: https://t.co/iNdhCdF8Gv