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