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TCHATT Policy Updates

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School Outreach & Enrollment Policy

Policy Outline

This policy sets forth the guidelines from outreach to enrollment of school districts and campuses.

The policy covers:

- Outreach process and documentation expectations
- Requirements for Memoranda of Understanding with school districts
- Onboarding activities & equipment
- Non-public school outreach and enrollment
- Exceptions to the on-campus model

The policy was established in June 2024.



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Key Changes: School Outreach & Enrollment Policy

- Added language to clarify that outreach can occur at local and regional events
- Incorporated language on background check requirements (archiving the Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Background Checks policy)
- Added language for new TCHAT training presentations to be approved by UT System, to align with the TCMHCC Communications Policy
- Clarified expectations for the enrollment of private schools (optional) and homeschooled student (encouraged)
- Clarified expectations and allowances for off-campus TCHAT services, to address common school barriers (space/staff constraints) and for 100% virtual campuses



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Referrals & Enrollment Policy

Policy Outline

This policy establishes the guidelines for processing referrals and enrolling students into TCHATT services.

The policy covers:

- Referral sources
- Referral processing steps
- Expectations for intake appointments
- Assessments that are required to send to students and/or parent(s)/guardian(s)

The policy was established in September 2024, with an update in January 2025.



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Key Changes: Referrals & Enrollment Policy

- New language for referral sources to address challenges during the summer break
- New language for referral sources to accommodate HB18 changes
- New language on archiving referrals
- New language on the assessments to be sent to families at the time of enrollment



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Services & Discharge Policy

Policy Outline

This policy establishes the requirements and guidelines for providing TCHATT services to students.

The policy covers:

- Appointment standards and expectations
- Documentation requirements, including session notes and end-of-care requirements
- Treatment approach, including intermediate services and bridge services
- Care coordination and case management, including referrals to community-based providers
- Timely access to care and transfers between HRIs
- Mental health education and TCHATT training parameters

The policy was established in September 2024.



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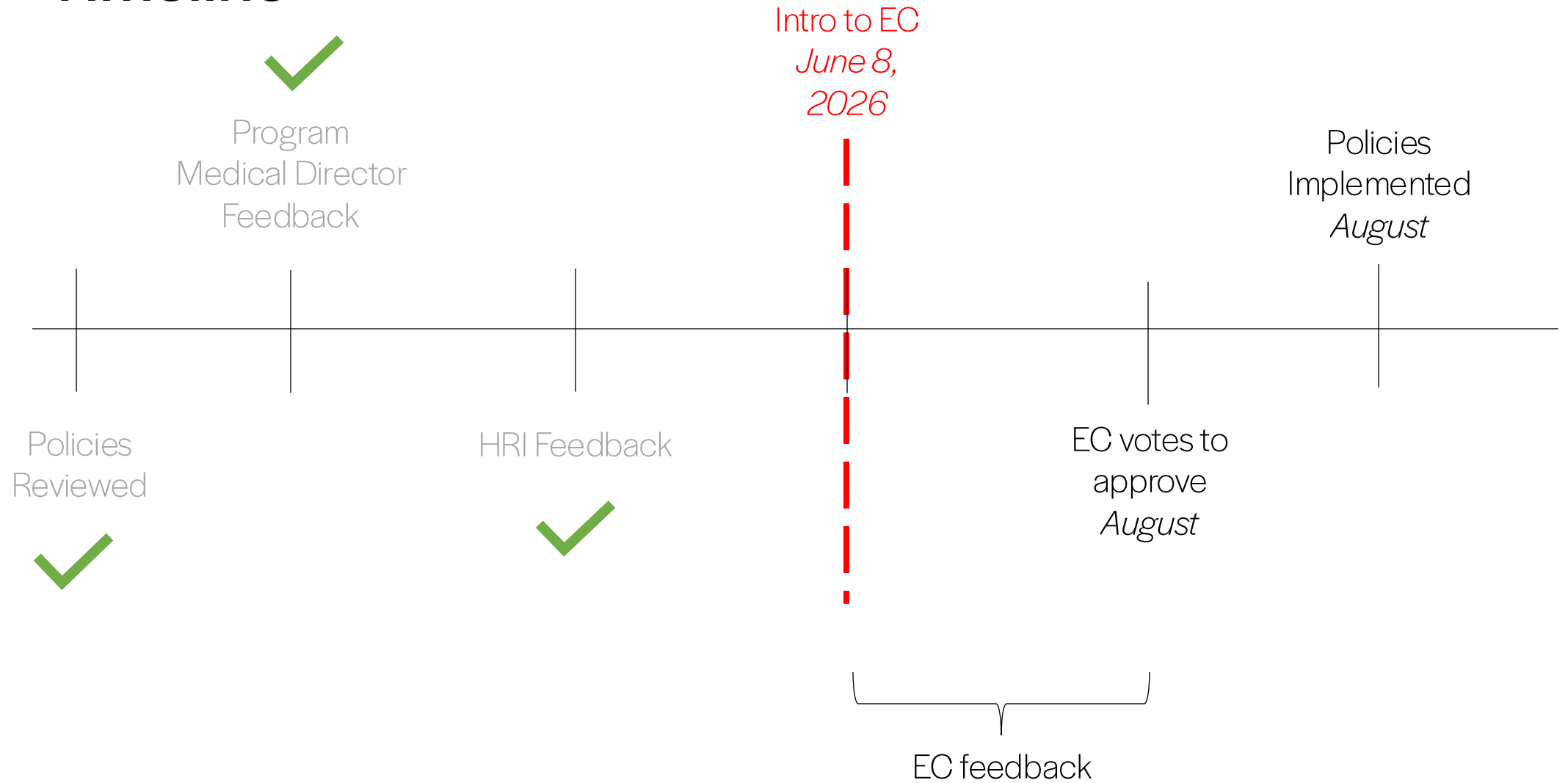
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Key Changes: Services & Discharge Policy

- New language to ensure TCHATT remains in adherence with legislative requirements
- Clarifications around consent and parent/guardian involvement for students 18+ years old
- New proposed policy change on summer referrals from parents/guardians
- Clarification of requirements when discharging students from care
- New language on the PCR process and exclusions
- Clarified intermediate services expectations and criteria
- Clarified bridge services expectations
- New language on Welnity to align with the Resource Sharing Policy
- Clarified expectations for mental health education activities and TCHATT trainings
- Revised the definition of short-term services



Timeline



Vote: Summer Referrals

During the summer break, HRIs may accept direct referrals from the parents/guardians of students of active TCHATT schools, if the parents/guardians are unable to obtain a timely referral from their school liaison.



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