



Fiscal Year 2024 Report
South Carolina Children's Hospital Innovation Center - Established via Proviso 23.3
(FY24-25 Proviso 33.36)

The South Carolina General Assembly established the South Carolina Children's Hospital Innovation Center via budget proviso 23.3 in FY 2022. (*Proviso language on page 2*) The purpose of the center is to ensure that the state's four children's hospitals can maintain state-of-the-art facilities and services for children across the state. The center was funded at \$10 million for FY 2022, \$10 million in FY 2023, and \$1 million in FY 2024. Per the proviso requirements, the funds were allocated to infrastructure projects under the direction of the South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative, and each children's hospital provided matching institutional funds.

FY 2024 South Carolina Children's Hospital Innovation Center
Funding Allocations by Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital	FY 2024 Infrastructure Investments	Innovation Center Funds Allocated	Project(s) Status
McLeod	Family consult room and waiting area for pediatric behavioral crisis stabilization (EMPATH) unit	\$ 250,000	○ Estimated completion October 2025
Prisma - Upstate	New pediatric and neonatal critical care ambulance. Existing critical care ambulance not able to keep up with transport needs.	\$ 250,000	○ Ambulance under construction and should deliver in 9-12 months.
Prisma-Midlands	Children's Hospital Outpatient Center expansion of outpatient services for children with medical complexity. (Continuation of FY 2022 multi-year project.)	\$ 250,000	○ Completed
MUSC	Inpatient cardiac unit bed expansion for pediatric patients with heart failure/heart transplant.	\$ 250,000	○ Construction begins January 2025. Estimated 9 months construction.
TOTAL		\$ 1,000,000	

FY 2024 Proviso 23.3

Of the funds appropriated for South Carolina Children’s Hospitals Infrastructure, the Medical University of South Carolina shall establish the South Carolina Children’s Hospital Innovation Center to ensure that all children in South Carolina have access to high-quality medical services in a coordinated, cost-effective manner. Under the direction of the South Carolina Children’s Hospital Collaborative, the center shall annually establish children’s healthcare infrastructure priorities, determining allocations for these priorities and then contracting with qualifying children’s hospitals to fund established priorities. Qualifying children’s hospitals must be not-for-profit systems providing comprehensive pediatric inpatient and outpatient services, serve as the regional perinatal center for their region, serve as training sites for the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina medical schools, and participate in the South Carolina Telehealth Alliance pediatric telehealth workgroup. The center shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year detailing established children’s healthcare infrastructure priorities and expenditures made to fund these priorities, specifying both innovation center funds and matching institutional funds.

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