

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 26, 2018

TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE LOCATION: Miller Senate Office Building
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Room
11 Bladen Street, Second Floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. MMAC By-Laws Review
- III. Bill Review/Study
- IV. Legislative Update
- V. Dental Update
- VI. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VII. Behavioral Health System Report
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:
Thursday, April 26, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Lesley Wallace
Ms. Susan Phelps
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Grace Williams
Ms. Donna Fortson
Ms. Kerry Lessard
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Ann Rasenberger
Mr. Norbert Robinson
Mr. Kevin Lindamood
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.
The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
The Hon. Pat Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Carmel Roques
Mr. C. David Ward
The Hon. Joanne C. Benson
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Christine Bailey
Ms. Nicolette Smith-Bligen
Judy Lapinski, Pharm.D
Ms. Michele Douglas
Mr. Ben Steffen

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kevin Lindamood, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:05 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the January 26, 2018 meeting as written. Ms. Louise Baucom attended the meeting for Delegate Matthew Morgan and Ms. Cynthia Crawley-Fox attended for Ms. Nicholette Smith-Bligen.

Departmental Report

Mr. Dennis Schrader, Medicaid Director, informed the Committee that the Department has been looking at the Committee by-laws and membership and will be making recommendations to Secretary Neall regarding membership for the next fiscal year.

Legislative Update

Mr. Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst, informed the Committee that at this point the bill introductions deadlines have passed and there is a list of approximately 200 bills total for this session so far. This list is a condensed version of the total list of those bills (see attached presentation). We are in the middle of the period of the heaviest activity of the session, in terms of bill hearings; this activity will start to taper off as we get closer to crossover, which is on Monday March 19, 2018. That is when you will see the status of several bills change and there will be more work sessions and votes on bills, as they decide what to do with each one.

Transition of Preferred Drug List Website Vendor

Mr. Dixit Shah Deputy Director, Medicaid Pharmacy Program and Ms. Rachel Boyer, Clinical Account Manager, Health Information Designs, LLC, gave an overview of the new vendor, Formulary Navigator, that maintains an online listing of pharmacy formulary information for both the fee-for-service and MCO programs (see attached presentation).

Community Health Pilots and national Diabetes Prevention Program Update

Ms. Sandra Kick, Administrative Program Manager, Planning Administration, gave the Committee an implementation update on the Community Health Pilots (see attached presentation) and also gave the Committee a briefing on the progress to date made on the Medicaid and National Diabetes Prevention Demonstration (see attached presentation).

Improvement on Privately Insured Costs

Ms. Linda Bartnyska, Maryland Health Care Commission, gave the Committee an overview of the results of a recent report issued by the Network for Regional Health Care Improvement entitled Health Care Affordability – Untangling the Cost Drivers (See attached presentation and press release).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services, gave the Committee the highlights of regulations, state plan amendments and waivers.

The Department will be submitting a renewal for the Community Pathways Waiver within the next month. They put the waiver application out for public notice and they are responding to comments they have received. Every five years you have to renew those waivers.

Regulations on audiology services for adults starting in July (the program is going to start covering hearing aids and cochlear implants) are in final sign off and will be going to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) soon.

We have a state plan going in that will update all of the websites for things like changing Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to Maryland Department of Health.

Behavioral Health System Report

Mr. Spencer Gear and Mr. Frank Dyson, Behavioral Health Administration, gave the Committee a brief update on the COMAR 10.63 licensing efforts. Last year we started off with 540 agencies which were under the old regulations (COMAR 10.47 and 10.21). The Behavioral Health Administration's Licensing Team and Accreditation Team have identified currently 644 agencies. Of those 644 agencies, 574 have applied to one of the four Maryland approved Accreditation Organizations. Of the 644 agencies, 528 agencies have submitted a COMAR 10.63 licensure applications (82%), and 175 agencies have completed the COMAR 10.63 licensure process. Of those 644 agencies, 352 sites have been licensed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Lindamood adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.