

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, May 24, 2018

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

LOCATION: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. HealthChoice Evaluation Update
- III. Behavioral Health Update
- IV. Membership Planning
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Behavioral Health System Report
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:
Thursday, June 28, 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**

April 26, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Lesley Wallace
Ms. Susan Phelps
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Vickie Walters
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Mr. Kevin Lindamood
The Hon. Pat Young
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Rachel Dodge, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Travis Gayles, M.D.
Ms. Grace Williams
Ms. Donna Fortson
Ms. Carmel Roques
Mr. C. David Ward
Mr. Norbert Robinson
The Hon. Joanne C. Benson
The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Christine Bailey
Judy Lapinski, Pharm.D
Ms. Kerry Lessard
Ms. Nicolette Smith-Bligen
Ms. Michele Douglas

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

April 26, 2018

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kevin Lindamood, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting as written. Ms. Yolanda Dockery attended the meeting for Ms. Nicholette Smith-Bligen.

Departmental Report

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO and Medicaid Director, introduced Noel Brathwaite, Ph.D., Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Brathwaite stated that his office will be concentrating on three health areas: asthma, infant mortality/health outcomes, and diabetes and pre-diabetes. His department will look at the social determinants of health which are housing, academic achievements, food security and transportation. This agenda will be driven by partnerships with historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), the Maryland Faith Health Network, Medicaid, local health departments (LHDs) and others. With these partnerships the state should see a decline in health disparities over the next 5-10 years.

As part of our shared services we are integrating the Department so it functions as one department. Mr. Craig Smalls has been promoted to Assistant CIO for Medicaid Operations and has been working on integrating our systems.

This past week, the Department had a summit on the Maryland Medicaid Information System (MMIS) to discuss how we will move forward.

The Department is working on an assessment for the Medicaid IT Architecture (MITA 3.0) to submit to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). From there we will develop an Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD) which gets the process started working with CMS to obtain funding to work on the 10 year process of planning and designing this system.

Community Services Integration Waiver – Criminal Justice Component - The Department is currently doing outreach to get individuals Medicaid prior to release in 22 of the detention centers statewide. The Department is also working in 5 probation centers in Baltimore City. Yesterday we began training with local health departments on presumptive eligibility to be used in the 22 detention centers as a safety net if the full Medicaid application does not go through. The LHDs will start using that tool on May 1, 2018. Last week representatives from the Department toured six sites in Jessup and identified a hub for staff. The Department will be posting four positions with the hope of having them onboard by June to start doing pre-release enrollment in Jessup. The next facility we will be implementing this in will be Baltimore City.

MD THINK

Mr. Subramanian Muniyasamy, Chief Technology Officer and Mr. Gregory James, Deputy Secretary for Operations Department of Human Services (DHS) gave the Committee an overview of the IT as well as policy and legal sides of the Maryland Total Human Services Integrated Network (MD THINK) (see attached presentation).

ePREP Update

Ms. Molly Marra, Maryland Department of Health, Ms. Ebony Keys and Mr. Voytek Buczkowski both of Automated Health Systems gave the Committee an overview and update on the electronic provider revalidation and enrollment portal (ePREP) (see attached presentation).

Legislative Wrap-Up

Mr. Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst, informed the Committee that there were an extraordinary number of bills this session, with 197 this year for Medicaid. There was a bill signing date the day after session and one earlier this week on Tuesday. There are two more bill signing dates, Tuesday, May 8, 2018 and May 15, 2018 both at 11 a.m. Bills that have been presented to the Governor that for some reason don't get signed or are vetoed by the Governor will become law. Mr. Coats gave the Committee highlights of legislature that passed this session (see attached legislative chart).

Two bills passed that indicate a specific dollar amount. The Department is waiting for direction from the Governor and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on the size of those programs. Separately, two bills require changes to our 1115 waiver – implementing an adult dental pilot and moving the family planning program from the 1115 waiver to the State Plan. In addition, we are going to be asking for two additional changes to the 1115 waiver. First, we are asking to continue to operate the National Diabetes Prevention Program as a pilot. Second, we are asking to expand substance use disorder (SUD) residential services. Specifically, we will be asking to cover psych institutions for mental disorders (IMDs) when the primary diagnosis is substance use.

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.

In order to implement changes that passed during session, there are a lot of regulations, state plan amendments, waiver changes and public notices that must happen especially in regards to fee increases. There is a small fee increase for physicians from 92% to 93% for E & M codes on July 1, 2018. There is a 3.5% rate increase for Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and behavioral health providers. For the huge array of long term care (LTC) providers, there is a potential 1% or 3% increase for those providers, depending on budget decisions.

Behavioral Health System Report

Kimberly Cuthrell, J.D., Ph.D., Director of Systems Management and Planning, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), gave the Committee an update on the licensing and accreditation

process for community-based behavioral health providers. There are 663 community-based behavioral health provider identified in Maryland. Out of 663, 606 (91%) community-based behavioral health providers have submitted a COMAR 10.63 license application. Out of the 663 providers, 609 (92%) community-based behavioral health providers have submitted an accreditation application to one of the four approved Maryland accreditation organization.

The Behavioral Health Administration's Licensing Unit, Accreditation Unit and Government Affairs and Communication Unit have provided customer service and technical assistance to community-based behavioral health providers to ensure that providers are effectively transitioning through the COMAR 10.63 license application process and accreditation process. Customer service and technical assistance have been provided through a variety of methods including:

- Financial Assistance: Granted financial assistance to providers by offering the One –time Only Accreditation Assistance;
- Customer Service: Called providers to remind them of the deadlines and offered resources;
- Provider Assistance: Offered technical assistance to explain the accreditation process and license application process;
- Application Assistance: Assisted providers with filling out the COMAR 10.63 License Application;
- Webinars: Conducted weekly webinars;
- Webpages: Posted the four approved accreditation organizations' webpage links on BHA's website;
- Communication Exchange: Posted FAQs on BHA's website; and
- E-mail Portal: Designated an e-mail address for providers to submit inquiries.

In addition, the Behavioral Health Administration is compiling data and resources to assess network capacity, services/programs, and resources to ensure a behavioral health integrated system of care.

The Behavioral Health Administration will continue to collaborate with Medicaid and the Administrative Service Organization (ASO).

Announcements

The Maryland Health Care Commission staff is in the midst of updating the state health plan for nursing home services.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Lindamood adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.