

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, July 26, 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

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**AGENDA**

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Proposed 1332 Waiver
- III. Crisis Centers
- IV. MCO Auto-Assignment Policy
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Medicaid Behavioral Health Update
- VII. Behavioral Health System Report
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:  
Thursday, September 27, 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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**Committee members are asked to contact staff if unable to attend**

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**June 28, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Susan Phelps  
Ms. Shannon Hall  
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D  
Mr. Kevin Lindamood  
Mr. Ben Steffen  
Ms. Donna Fortson  
Mr. Floyd Hartley  
Ms. Michele Douglas  
Travis Gayles, M.D.  
Winifred Booker, D.D.S  
Ms. Carmel Roques  
Mr. Norbert Robinson  
The Hon. Pat Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
The Hon. Matthew Morgan  
Judy Lapinski, Pharm.D  
Mr. Vincent DeMarco  
Ms. Lesley Wallace  
Ms. Vickie Walters  
Rachel Dodge, M.D.  
Ms. Grace Williams  
The Hon. Joanne C. Benson  
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
Ms. Christine Bailey  
Ms. Kerry Lessard  
Ms. Netsanet Kibret  
Mr. C. David Ward

## **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee**

**June 28, 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 1:05 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting as written. Ms. Jayne Hunt attended the meeting for Ms. Lesley Wallace, Ms. Cynthia Crawley-Fox attended for Ms. Netsanet Kibret, Ms. Stephanie Klapper attended for Mr. Vincent DeMarco, Ms. Edith Perry attended for Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Ms. Ann Ciekot attended for Ms. Vickie Walters.

### **Departmental Report**

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO and Medicaid Director, informed the Committee that the Department continues to work on the Medicaid Advisory Committee membership process. The new Committee chair, Vickie Walters, will assume her position at the July meeting. Ms. Isabella Firth, formerly from LifeSpan, has been newly appointed to the Committee and the Department has received fifteen applications that have been submitted for appointment consideration.

The Department will be conducting an Organizational and Improvement Diagnostic to provide an external look at where we are with Medicaid. We have selected a contractor, PCG of Boston who was approved by the Board of Public Works last week. They will conduct a 120 day engagement where they will be exposed to the entire operation. They then conduct interviews and bring us the benefit of their experience having run other programs across the country. They will provide the Department with a series of recommendations in the fall. This will make sure we don't miss something as we move to improve process and organizational effectiveness.

The Department has a new MOU with our partners at the Department of Human Services (DHS). And we are working on the MOU with the Exchange. We had an unsatisfactory audit and these are two of the items that needed to be addressed.

The Department bids farewell to Ms. Susan Tucker who will be leaving the Department at the end of the month.

### **Rate Setting Study**

Ms. Laura Spicer and Ms. Cynthia Woodcock from the Hilltop Institute gave the Committee an overview of a study of the current rate setting system in Maryland (see attached presentation). Full report can be found at:

<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Documents/JCRs/2017/2017%20Joint%20Chairmen%27s%20Report%20on%20Managed%20Care%20Rate-Setting.pdf>

### **CMS Scorecard**

Ms. Laura Goodman, Chief, Planning Administration, gave the Committee an overview and update on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Scorecard (see attached presentation).

### **Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes**

Ms. Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services, informed the Committee that the Community Pathways Waiver and the Model Waiver were both renewed for five years.

The state plan has been approved to add licensed clinical professional art therapists to our list of licensed mental health therapists. Regulations still have to be put into effect.

We received approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and will be implementing the addition of hearing aids on July 1, 2018.

### **Medicaid Behavioral Health Update**

Ms. Rebecca Frechard, Office of Health Services, informed the Committee that the Department began implementing the residential level for adult substance use disorders as of 7/1/2017 following approval from CMS on the 1115 Waiver to the IMD exclusion. Medicaid will reimburse for adults in need of residential level of services for substance use. Coverage under Medicaid is limited to up to two non-consecutive up to 30 day stays in a rolling year. The levels of care covered are 3.7 WM (withdrawal management) through 3.3 level of placement. We had an approved delay to implement 3.1 which is the half-way house level of service. Historically and currently all of these services were funded under grants. Moving to the Medicaid fee-for-service system has been a change for providers.

We are moving forward with the regulations for the half-way houses with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2019. We recently met with the current 3.1 programs to hear about their current practice models and how they operate their programs under the current grant funded system. This information will be used to help create regulations.

As of next year we will be implementing the full continuum of ASAM levels of care from 4.0 inpatient medical through residential (Level 3), through out-patient intensive (Level 2.1, 2.5), and out-patient individual and group counseling (Level 1) services. People move throughout the continuum of need within these levels so now Medicaid will reimburse the programs to support individuals through their treatment and recovery process.

Our next steps are to complete the regulations and complete rate development. At our next stakeholder meeting we will be introducing a summary of the regulations and what we are going to implement. Once we determine how the system will be set up then Beacon will offer training and technical assistance to ramp up through go live on January 1, 2019.

Additionally: The Department provided data in response to several questions that came up at last month's meeting (see attached handout).

**Public Comments**

Ms Mitra Gargani and Ms. Rachel DeSantis of Johns Hopkins HealthCare Group and Mr. Phillip Tsagos, foster parent, gave comments on reimbursement for enteral nutrition.

**Adjournment**

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