

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 24, 2021
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. CRISP Immunization Data
- III. Redetermination Presentation: *The Impact of the Public Health Emergency on Medicaid*
- IV. Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Data Book Review
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 22, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Hall
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Marie McLendon
Ms. Nora Hoban
Mr. Ben Steffen
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Maansi Raswant
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Mr. William Webb
Ms. Nicole McCann
Mr. Paul Miller
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Mr. Floyd Hartley
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Ms. Robin Moore
The Hon. Pat Young
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Ms. Diane McComb

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Ms. Vickie Walters
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
Ms. Anna Sierra

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

May 27, 2021

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nicole McCann, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:00 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting as written.

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, provided the Committee with a combined Departmental report and COVID-19 update.

Ms. Roddy welcomed the new chairperson for the Medicaid Advisory Committee, Ms. Nicole McCann. Ms. Roddy thanked Ms. Vickie Walters for her service as chair and a job well done.

The Department announced the appointment of Mr. Steve Schuh as the new Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing, effective a few weeks ago. Mr. Schuh was unable to attend today's meeting but looks forward to working with this committee and will be reaching out to many of you on issues related to Medicaid.

Enrollment continues to grow (see attached chart). We are currently serving 1,592,440 Maryland residents. The Department is still under the maintenance of effort requirement under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is receiving the 6.2% enhanced federal matching assistance during the federal public health emergency.

The Department continues to work on a number of outreach activities to ensure Medicaid enrollees receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We will start sharing those reports with you at the next MMAC meeting. In the last few weeks, the increase in the number of vaccinated individuals is somewhere between 30,000-40,000 people. Progress is being made, but with much more needs to be done. The managed care organizations (MCOs) have been incredibly active in conducting outreach to individuals, providers, setting up clinics and coordinating efforts to target problematic areas within the State.

The Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) approved funding to transfer monies to the Medicaid Program to work on maternal and child health projects. The outline in the approval by the Commission highlights a number of different projects that the Medicaid Program will be working on and implementing. Some of those programs include covering and reimbursing doulas, centering pregnancy, expanding the maternal opioid misuse grant program statewide, and expanding the existing home-visiting program. The Department will be receiving \$8 million per year for four years. We anticipate that the \$8 million will be matched by the federal government -- providing roughly \$16 million per year. Those monies will complement the efforts put in

place by the legislature and the Governor to fund the expansion of post-partum coverage under Medicaid. Right now we cover pregnant women through two months post-partum care. The Governor provided funding to allow us to expand that post partum period for an additional ten months. Under the expansion, Medicaid will be covering pregnant women for twelve months of post-partum coverage.

The federal government passed language that allows Medicaid Programs to get an additional 10 percent federal matching dollars on home and community-based services. The period in which we will receive this increase is from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. CMS has made it incredibly complicated for states. We have to reinvest the additional savings from the 10 percent increased match back into programs, and we have to submit spending plans to CMS and have them approved before realize the additional federal dollars. Additionally, CMS has yet to provide full guidance to states. We have already reached out to CMS and had one technical assistance call. The legislature passed language that requires Maryland to spend those reinvestment dollars in a certain way. At least 75 percent reinvestment monies need to be spent on a one-time rate increase for providers. Our intent is to comply with that language as well as what is required by CMS.

After today's MMAC meeting we will have our second public hearing for our Maryland HealthChoice Program §1115 Waiver Renewal Application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The draft application can be found on the Maryland HealthChoice Program §1115 Waiver website: <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/1115-healthchoice-waiver-renewal.aspx>. If you have comments, please make sure you send them to us by June 4, 2021.

HealthChoice Evaluation

Ms. Laura Goodman, Division Chief, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, shared the results of the Department's most recent HealthChoice Evaluation (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations and state plan amendment changes.

Waivers – No major updates.

State Plan Amendments (SPAs) – No major updates. Updating categories of providers allowed to order home health services (21-0004) has been approved.

Regulations – The Department expects that all of the proposals that are on the regulations report to anticipate a final print date of June 4, 2021 and that would make the final date June 14, 2021.

PublicComments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. McCann adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.