

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. 1115 Waiver Amendment Update
- III. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Erin Dorrien
Ms. Nora Hoban
Ms. Stephanie Scharpf
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Marie McLendon
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Vickie Walters
Mr. Paul Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Ms. Nicole McCann
Theodora Balis, M.D.
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
Ms. Diane McComb
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
Mr. William Webb

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

July 27, 2023

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Interim 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 June 22, 2023, meeting as written.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, and Ms. Alyssa Brown, Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, provided the Committee with a combined Departmental report and public health emergency (PHE) unwinding update.

The Department was asked by Senator Kelly to give an update on our coverage for biomarkers. We currently implement biomarkers for cancer related diagnoses and treatment. The legislation passed this session requires the Department to cover biomarkers for all diagnoses starting in two years. Today you will receive an overview of what we are starting to implement this year.

We have Mr. Ben Steffen and Mr. David Sharp from the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to talk about some of the activities they have been leading around Primary Care Investment within the State of Maryland.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated their guidance on providing Medicaid services in schools. This is different than what is provided in school-based health centers (SBHCs). The two key issues the guidance updates are: (1) allowing states to have two different standards for providers to deliver services in schools – one for school-based providers and one for community-based providers; and (2) allowing us to claim Medicaid federal matching funds for administrative costs. The Department is very much interested in both initiatives and is looking at a two-phase approach.

Ms. Alyssa Brown referenced the chart to show that enrollment had grown from 1.4 million back in February 2020 to over 1.8 million when we first implemented our unwinding process. Today we have 1,765,935 people currently enrolled. Some of the increases we expected to see at the end of the trend line are from individuals either newly coming into the program or individuals churning, reenrolling for coverage (see attached chart).

Ms. Brown provided the Committee with highlights of redetermination data and what the Department saw with the June redetermination cohort (see attached presentation).

1115 Waiver Update

Ms. Tricia Roddy provided the Committee with an update on an amendment to the 1115 Waiver. During the unwinding and redeterminations, the Department has been allowing individuals enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to automatically reenroll in Medicaid. This includes both children and adults. This specific CMS authority is in effect until April 30, 2024. We want to make this a permanent part of our eligibility system, however. For renewals, if adults as well as children are enrolled in SNAP and meet the applicable income limits of Medicaid, they would be reenrolled.

The Department will be requesting a change to our 1115 Waiver. When we make changes to the 1115 Waiver, we must have a public notice period and a public comment period. We will be posting that notice to our website on September 1, 2023. The Department will be hosting two public hearings.

We are also in discussions with CMS to understand how we can extend this waiver request to initial enrollments as well.

Biomarker Policy Changes

Ms. Alyssa Brown and Mark Esposito, MD, Medical Director, Utilization Management of Acute Care Services gave the Committee an overview of the basic of the biomarker policy the Department is implementing on August 1, 2023 (see attached presentation).

Primary Care Investment

Ms. Mary Jo Cordon, Principal Consultant, Freedman HealthCare, Mr. Ben Steffen, Director, Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) and Mr. David Sharp, Director, Center for Health Information Technology, and Innovative Care Delivery provided an overview of what is being done in other states, where they're going with the work group and the plans to develop a set of recommendations to the legislature on how we will move forward.

The Primary Care Investment initiative launched in 2022 because of legislation passed in the 2022 legislative session that directed the MHCC to convene a workgroup and develop a plan for increasing investment in primary care, particularly focusing on reducing health disparities, increasing health equity and reducing total cost of care in the health care system. The workgroup has been meeting over the last year and is close to providing some proposed recommendations (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Nina McHugh, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations, and state plan amendment changes (see attached handouts).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.