

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 22, 2024
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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Those who would like to make public comment should email Ms. Meredith Lawler at, meredith.lawler@maryland.gov or use the question feature to submit questions to the host.



AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. 1115 Waiver Hearing: Reentry Demonstration
- III. Legislative Session Preview
- IV. HealthChoice Quality Overview
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, February 26, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
PLEASE NOTE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAYS
DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Honorable Heather Bagnall
The Honorable Tiffany Alston
Ms. Dickerson
Ms. Diane McComb
Ms. Kathryn Fiddler
Ms. Nicki McCann
Nora Hoban
Paul Miller
Rachel Dodge, MD
Shannon Hall
Vickie Walters
William Webb
Stephanie Scharpf

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Honorable Antonio Hayes
The Honorable J.B. Jennings
The Honorable Matthew Morgan
Adeteju Ogunrinde
Ben Steffen
Erin Dorrien
Floyd Hartley
Kenneth Garove
Theodora Baliff Psy, MD
Winifred Booker, D.D.S

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

November 16, 2023

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nicki 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 October 26, 2023, meeting as written.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Ryan Moran, Deputy Secretary, Office of Health Care Financing, Medicaid Director, provided opening remarks starting by sharing today's meeting agenda.

Deputy Secretary Moran stressed to the MMAC and attendees how critical November is for redeterminations. Every month has been critically important but this is a pivotal moment; we are halfway through the Public Health Emergency unwinding redeterminations process. Maryland Medicaid is seeing about a 70 percent extension rate for those participants reapplying. This information can be found on the MDH website (<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/MedicaidCheckIn-Data.aspx>). This month, Medicaid is resuming procedural disenrollments. During the August MMAC, Medicaid announced that we paused all procedural disenrollments to improve our auto renewal systems and ensure appropriate conduct of renewals at the individual level. We are confident in these updates and hope to reduce the administrative burden off participants, and limit procedural disenrollments moving forward.

Deputy Secretary Moran praised the Medicaid team for continuing this work in addition to the other commitments we've made this year. It's truly been an unprecedented year.

Departmental Report

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, Office of Health Care Financing, provided the Committee with a Departmental update.

Maryland Medicaid is working closely with the HSCRC and the federal government on primary care alignment activities. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has discussed how primary care investments are a priority for the federal government under the All-Payer Model, including the State Medicaid Program. The Maryland Department of Health presented to the HSCRC on how we could utilize unanticipated savings under the All-Payer Model to jump start this work in Medicaid. We are hoping to have additional information at the start of 2024.

Ms. McCann clarified that annually the hospitals have to meet a Medicare savings target and this year the saving target exceeded estimates by a significant amount, which is after there was an expectation that the hospitals may not meet the target until corrective action is taken. Now there

are conversations about how the State could use these savings to support investments in Medicaid primary care activities and the HSCRC.

Ms. Roddy reminded the Committee that the annual HealthChoice Program Quality and Monitoring presentation is rescheduled for January 2024.

Shared on the screen: We are currently at 1,739,663 enrolled in the Medicaid program which is down from a record high of approximately 1.8 million at the end of May 2023 when we started disenrollments. This is a 22.89 percent increase since the maintenance of effort was implemented in February.

Senate Bill 678 Implementation Update: Professional Services Rendered by a Pharmacist

Mr. Dixit Shah gave the Committee an overview of Senate Bill (SB) 678, activities the Department has undertaken to implement the legislation. SB 678 requires Medicaid, the Maryland Children's Health program, and commercial insurance to cover services rendered by a licensed pharmacist within their lawful scope of practice.

CRISP: Multi-Payer Reporting Suite

Ms. Kate Talber, Director of Reporting and Analytics and Ms. Grace Kaeding, Project Manager from CRISP gave the Committee an overview of the Multi-Payer Reporting Suite which is rolling out. This was developed to align efforts between Maryland Medicaid and the State's Maryland Primary Care Program.

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Mr. Lucas Rodriguez gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations, and state plan amendment changes.

Ms. Shannon Hall asked Medicaid about the recently published public notice about Crisis Services that are effective January 1, 2024. She is encouraged to see provider rate increases. She asked when will providers receive telehealth and other care delivery guidance?

Ms. Roddy said there are internal meetings happening this week and she will raise this question.

Public Comments

Ms. Lori Doyle signed up for public comment. Ms. Doyle noticed there were a number of questions on the Maryland behavioral health system and wanted to give background on the topic. Ms. Doyle described the history and differences between specialty mental health care and primary behavioral health care with regards to Medicaid.

Ms. McCann asked about the distinction between primary and specialty behavioral health services.

Ms. Roddy responded that Maryland regulations define the differences and provide diagnoses. If providers bill for reimbursement with a diagnosis, they are billed outside of the managed care

organizations. She believes those diagnoses are updated every year.

Ms. McCann suggested it may be appropriate to have a dedicated agenda item on this topic in future meetings for further discussion.

Adjournment

Ms. McCann adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.