

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 26, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** GoToWebinar

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**NOTE: MMAC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAYS  
DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**AGENDA**

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Legislative Update
- III. Medicaid Budget
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

January 22, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The Hon. Tiffany Alston  
The Hon. Heather Bagnall  
Ms. Shannon Hall  
Rachel Dodge, M.D.  
Ms. Nora Hoban  
Ms. Stephanie Scharpf  
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.  
Mr. Kenneth Garove  
Ms. Jessica Dickerson  
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP  
Ms. Vickie Walters  
Ms. Nicole McCann  
Ms. Diane McComb  
Mr. William Webb

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

The Hon. Matthew Morgan  
Ms. Erin Dorrien  
Mr. Ben Steffen  
Mr. Floyd Hartley  
Theodora Balis, M.D.  
The Hon. J.B. Jennings  
The Hon. Antonio Hayes  
Winifred Booker, D.D.S  
Mr. Paul Miller

## **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee**

**January 22, 2024**

### **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 November 23, 2023, meeting as written.

### **Opening Remarks**

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

Today's meeting is the first in a series of two meetings we will have for public comments on the states intent to submit an amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for up to 90 days pre-release coverage of Medicaid services for people being released from incarcerated settings. Several states have requested this waiver opportunity; however, California is the only state that has been granted approval thus far. Maryland is focused on our goals for population health in the criminal justice system and to ensure a smooth re-entry for individuals who are close to release.

In addition to the start of the legislative session, the Department continues in the process of redeterminations and public health emergency (PHE) unwinding. More than one million people have gone through the Department's renewal process out of the 1.8 million enrollees we had when we started in April 2023. The Department has 4 months left to the unwinding period.

Each year the Department presents the MMAC with a quality report where we provide a detailed review of the quality and performance of each of our nine managed care organizations (MCOs).

### **Departmental Report**

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, added to Deputy Secretary Moran's comments that as we get further away from the PHE, Medicaid is still dealing with all the authorities and flexibilities that we had during the PHE. We will be dealing with many of these issues well into spring and summer.

### **Enrollment Update**

Ms. Nancy Brown, Division Chief, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, reviewed the current Medicaid enrollment numbers and details around the redetermination process.

Ms. Brown reported we are currently at 1,682,994 enrolled in the Medicaid program as of January 19, 2024, and called attention to the drop from the end of December into the beginning of January (see attached graph). For November and December, we resumed our procedural terminations. As you will remember they were paused for our modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) population who receive their coverage through the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange (MHBE) in August, September, and October. For our non-MAGI population, that pause started in July. In that seemingly big dip from December to January, we are including a lot of months, so it is all of the non-MAGI procedural disenrollments from July through November included in that drop.

### **1115 Waiver Amendment Reentry Demonstration**

Ms. Laura Goodman, Deputy Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, gave the Committee an overview of this new opportunity and facilitated the public hearing for this 1115 waiver amendment (see attached presentation). The public comment period is open until February 12, 2024. Additional comments, letters and questions can be submitted via email to [mdh.healthchoicere renewal@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.healthchoicere renewal@maryland.gov). Hard copies of the 1115 waiver amendment draft may be obtained by calling (410) 767-5683.

Public comments on the 1115 Waiver Amendment were given by:

John Olszewski, County Executive, Baltimore County

Angelina Guarino, Assistant Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Vickie Walters, Institutes for Behavioral Resources, Inc.

William Webb, County Health Officer, Kent County

Dr. Laurence Polsky, Calvert County Health Department

Ellen Webber

### **Legislative Session Preview**

Mr. Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst, Office of Innovation, Research and Development provided the Committee with an overview of the 2024 legislative session.

The legislature has been in session for approximately 1½ weeks and started on January 10, 2024. Important dates to keep in mind as we move through this year's session include bill introduction deadlines, Monday, February 5, 2024, for the Senate and Friday, February 9, 2024, for the House. Bills that are introduced by those dates go directly to their appropriate committee of jurisdiction. Bills can still be introduced after those dates; however, they will go to the Rules Committee and may not receive a hearing date. As a result, there will be a surge of bills introduced over the next couple of weeks.

Monday, March 18, 2024, is crossover, the deadline when bills get passed out of their house of origin and cross over to the opposite house. Bills that pass after crossover also go to the Rules Committee of the opposite house and might not make it out. The Governor's budget bill passage date is Monday, April 1, 2024. This year Sine Die is Monday, April 8, 2024.

The budget bill this year is Senate Bill (SB) 360. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) bill this year is SB 362. Last year it was a House bill so this year it is a Senate bill. Budget hearings on the Medicaid budget will be held by the House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, February 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. And on Thursday, February 22, 2024, by the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, also at 1:00 p.m.

So far, we have not seen a lot of bills, however, we are seeing the reintroduction of some bills from last session pertaining to residential service agencies. The next time we meet we will be on the other side of those dates and the Department will have a very robust list of bills to review.

#### **Maryland Managed Care Quality Update**

Ms. Sandra Kick, Director Medical Benefits Management, and Ms. Monchel Pridget, Deputy Director, Managed Care, gave the Committee an overview of the HealthChoice performance monitoring and quality assurance activities (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. McCann adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.