

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 28, 2017

**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. ePREP/Provider Enrollment Update
- III. MCO Shopping Demo
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Behavioral Health System Report
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:  
Thursday, October 26, 2017, 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**

**July 27, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Lesley Wallace  
Mr. Ben Steffen  
The Hon. Pat Young  
Ms. Susan Phelps  
Ms. Shannon Hall  
Rachel Dodge, M.D.  
Mr. Kevin Lindamood  
Winifred Booker, D.D.S  
Ms. Grace Williams  
The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
Ms. Donna Fortson  
Mr. Vincent DeMarco  
Ms. Uma Ahluwalia

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Carmel Roques  
Mr. C. David Ward  
Mr. Norbert Robinson  
Mr. Floyd Hartley  
Judy Lapinski, Pharm.D  
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.  
Ms. Christine Bailey  
Ms. Ann Rasenberger  
Ms. Kerry Lessard  
Ms. Nicolette Smth-Bligen  
Ms. Vickie Walters  
Ms. Michele Douglas  
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
The Hon. Matthew Morgan

## **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee**

**July 27, 2017**

### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lindamood, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the June 22, 2017 meeting as written.

### **Departmental Report**

Ms. Shannon McMahon, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing, informed the Committee that Governor Hogan signed on to two letters that made some big statements regarding the concerns about the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The two skinny bills were dropped today and this is good news.

The Department was given approval of presumptive eligibility for individuals in jail. The Department has been working very closely with the local health departments (LHDs) on this effort.

Deputy Secretary McMahon announced she will be leaving the Department to take the position of Executive Director, Medicaid Policy, Kaiser Permanente based in the District of Columbia. Her last day is tomorrow.

A motion was made to send a letter to Shannon praising her for her great work and to wish her well. This was seconded and passed unanimously. In addition, a motion was made to write a letter to Governor Hogan thanking him for joining other governors on a bipartisan basis to write the two letters that expressed concerns with some of the measures that have been circulating in Congress and for his support of the Medicaid program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Remarks from Secretary Dennis Schrader**

Secretary Dennis Schrader thanked Ms. Shannon McMahon for her great service to the Department and the Medicaid program. There will be a party in her honor directly after this meeting.

Secretary Schrader gave the Committee an overview of his professional background and stated that he is excited about the notion of population health and focusing on total cost of care. In the past seven months his focus has been on three things: 1) making sure we negotiate the all-payer contract with CMMI and there is good progress on that. A subset of that is the primary care model; 2) the opioid crisis and continued work within the Department to build capability and capacity of the Department which includes the integration of behavioral health and a transformation effort in Developmental Disabilities; and 3) the Medicaid program.

The Secretary is also focused on operations and customer service. We have a very important customer service mission. There are 9,000 staff within the Health Department, a third of which are out in the local health departments which are the foundation of our health system, another third are in our eleven facilities around the state and the last third are either in Medicaid or other programmatic initiatives. Governor Hogan has been very clear that he wants customer service to be the centerpiece of everything we do and we are bringing that culture to the Health Department.

The Secretary then opened the floor for Committee members to ask questions and make comments/recommendations.

### **Provider Enrollment Update**

Ms. Molly Marra, MDH Office of Health Services and Ms. Tracy Bryant, Automated Health Systems, gave the Committee an update on the changes to the Medicaid provider enrollment system (see attached presentation).

### **Rural Health Delivery Work Group**

Mr. Ben Steffen, Executive Director, Maryland Health Care Commission, informed the group that the work group is a result of legislation that was adopted in 2016 (see attached presentation).

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

Ms. Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services, informed the Committee that the Department currently has six home and community-based waivers and Community Pathways is the largest of them with over 15,000 individuals. The Department is working on two new waivers: a family supports waiver which is a small waiver targeting children with a cap of 400 children and their families and \$12,000 to provide some services to the people on the waiting list. The other new waiver is a community supports waiver that will have basically the same services as the Community Pathways waiver except for no residential services. This waiver is capped at 400 participants and will provide services to those on the waiting list. The goal is to try and get those waivers in by October in hopes of implementing them beginning 2018.

All six of our waivers must be renewed every five years and this year the Community Pathways waiver is up for renewal as well as the Model waiver for medically fragile children. Both are due to be renewed on January 1, 2018.

There is statewide process to look at regulations to make sure they are necessary or eliminated because they are outdated and not needed anymore. We were asked to examine all of our regulations that are in play right now and explain why each one is important. This is not difficult as all our regulations are either developed to draw down the federal match, for health and safety, to comply with state rules or even business friendly changes. We have about 100 chapters of regulations in the Medicaid program and we are constantly reviewing them because every five years we are supposed to examine each regulation to make sure it is still relevant.

### **Behavioral Health System Report**

No report given

**Public Comments**

Ms. Nikki McCann, Johns Hopkins gave Shannon McMahon public gratitude for her service.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Lindamood adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.