

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2022
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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Please register for MMAC Meeting on January 18, 2022 1:00 p.m. EST at:

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Open Enrollment Update
- III. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 18, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kenneth Garove
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Ms. Shannon Hall
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Nicole McCann
Ms. Nora Hoban
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Ms. Diane McComb
Ms. Erin Dorrien
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Mr. Paul Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
Mr. Ben Steffen
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Ms. Marie McLendon
Mr. William Webb
The Hon. Pat Young

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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 October 28, 2021 meeting as written.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

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

The enrollment numbers are steadily increasing with current enrollment totaling 1,647,550. This is mostly due to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement that we can't disenroll enrollees while the Department is receiving the additional 6.2 percent matching dollars from the federal government during the pandemic. The federal health emergency has been extended into the new year and we will continue to comply with the maintenance of effort requirements for enrollment through March 31, 2022, the end of the quarter. Redeterminations cannot begin until after the quarter. We are seeking guidance from CMS on how they would like us to conduct redeterminations.

The Department updated the spending plan required to receive the 10 percent federal matching funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). This match is for home and community-based services. All of those additional monies that states receive have to go back and be reinvested into the program. Our ask mirrors the legislative directive to spend 75 percent of the reinvestment dollars on a one-time provider rate increase. Those increases went into effect on November 1, 2021. Increases are as follows: Behavioral Health – 5.4%, Long Term Care – 5.2%; and Developmental Disabilities Administration – 5.5%. Services eligible for the rate increase are also eligible for the 10 percent increase in matching funds.

The Department conducted a stakeholder process asking for input on how to allocate the remaining 25 percent reinvestment dollars. The stakeholder process closed on November 15, 2021 and we received over 88 ideas on how to better improve our home and community-based services provider networks.

Deputy Secretary Steven Schuh, and Tricia Roddy met with Daniel Tsai, who has been appointed Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS). They shared the Total Cost of Care Model in Maryland and how we plan on aligning Medicaid more into that model. He recently posted a blog in health affairs that talks about his vision and priorities for this administration in Medicaid services. There are three key areas he is focusing on: 1) coverage and access, 2) equity; and 3) innovation and whole-person care.

HealthChoice Quality Update

Ms. Monchel Pridget, Deputy Director Managed Care, Medical Benefits Management Administration, gave the Committee a brief overview of HealthChoice Quality Assurance and shared how the managed care organizations (MCOs) are performing (see attached presentation).

Lead Update

Clifford Mitchell, MD, Director, Environmental Health Bureau, gave the Committee an update on the Department's lead and lead testing efforts (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 charts).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. McCann adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.