

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, July 27, 2023
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST MEETING

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Biomarker Policy Changes
- III. Primary Care Investment Workgroup
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 22, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Nicole McCann
Ms. Erin Dorrien
Mr. William Webb
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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Theodora Balis, M.D.
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Ms. Diane McComb
Mr. Paul Miller
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Vickie Walters

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

June 22, 2023

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 May 25, 2023, meeting as written.

Departmental Report and PHE 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.

Ms. Roddy informed the Committee that the Medicaid team and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are “all hands-on deck” with redeterminations. CMS is developing new authorities to help smooth disenrollments out and help states to be able to keep those still eligible enrolled. The Department continues to evaluate and apply for these new waiver authorities. This is our top priority.

Current enrollment is at 1,782,558 (see attached graph). We are seeing enrollees disenrolled already coming back onto the Medicaid program. These were similar trends prior to the pandemic. Our experience pre-pandemic is the majority of people come back within the first 90 days after disenrollment. Under the current guidance, individuals can reenroll with no gap in coverage for 120 days.

Ms. Alyssa Brown noted that on the enrollment graph you will see the drop at the end of May but also an uptick. The Department will be analyzing who those people are. Are they people who lost coverage that have come back in or are they new applicants? We are trying to determine how to quantify the increase of approximately ten thousand people.

Ms. Roddy reiterated it is important to remember where we are today and where we were prior to the pandemic. The state of the Maryland economy will determine largely how many individual no longer qualify for Medicaid. Are people getting jobs, did they lose jobs during the pandemic? These economic conditions will determine largely how many individuals are still eligible. We need to keep this in mind as we move through the redeterminations over the next twelve months.

Dr. Ryan Moran, Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director, Maryland Department of Health, acknowledged the Medicaid team has done incredible work in placing the Department in such a strong position as we start this redetermination process.

Dr. Moran reiterated that the Department’s goal is that every individual in the state that is eligible for Medicaid remains enrolled as we go through this process. The waiver authorities and other opportunities to partner with CMS are some of the things we’re doing to ensure that we achieve that goal and there is coverage across the state for those that are eligible.

The Department is eager to look at month two of data in early July. This will hopefully give us some trends at the geographical and zip code level on where we might target our efforts over the next ten months.

Ms. Roddy stated the Department is also trying to review individual's health care services. If we can identify where they are receiving services, and if it is an ongoing service, we can encourage the provider to outreach to these patients.

Public Health Redeterminations

Ms. Alyssa Brown gave the Committee an overview of initial redetermination data for our first unwinding cohort who lost coverage at the end of May. This unwinding data is being shared with CMS and is posted and updated monthly on the MDH website (see attached presentation).

Community Violence Prevention

Ms. Hannah Markus, Special Assistant, gave the Committee an overview of the new Community Violence Prevention services covered by Maryland Medicaid starting July 1, 2023 (see attached presentation).

Healthy Babies Equity Act

Ms. Alyssa Brown reminded the Committee that the Department is moving forward with coverage of benefits on July 1, 2023, and gave an abbreviated updated overview of the Healthy Babies Equity Act (see attached presentation).

We are now offering retroactive coverage and are covering individuals for this group whether they apply on a prenatal or post-partum basis up to 250 percent federal poverty level. These individuals will be enrolled in our MCO program and have access to all of that MCO's network of providers. If they must have an out of network provider, they will follow their MCOs protocol.

We do have a website on the Health Babies coverage for individuals to obtain more information. It includes flyers in several different languages for consumers to use and a wealth of resources. There is also general information for providers and we will be posting our transmittals here as well <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/medicaid-mch-initiatives/Pages/healthybabies.aspx>

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra, Direct. or, 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 2:10 p.m.