

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2023

TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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Please register for MMAC Meeting on June 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m. EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7964516312598771468>

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Those who would like to make public comment should email Ms. Sharon Neely at, sharon.neely@maryland.gov or use the question feature to submit questions to the host.

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Public Health Emergency Redeterminations
- III. Community Violence Prevention
- IV. Health Babies Equity Act Update
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Nicole McCann
Mr. William Webb
Ms. Nora Hoban
Ms. Stephanie Scharpf
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Mr. Ben Steffen
Ms. Diane McComb
Mr. Paul Miller
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
The Hon. Matthew Morgan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Marie McLendon
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Ms. Erin Dorrien
Ms. Vickie Walters
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.
Mr. Floyd Hartley
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Theodora Balis, M.D.

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

May 25, 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 1:05 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the April 22, 2023, meeting as written.

Healthy Babies Equity Act

Ms. Alyssa Brown, Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, provided an update on the planning and planned implementation of the Health Babies Equity Act that will go live on July 1, 2023 (see attached presentation).

Individuals can go to <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/maryland-healthy-smiles-dental-program.aspx> to obtain information on general covered benefits under the dental program. A one-page consumer information sheet is currently being developed to let individuals know how they can qualify for the new dental benefits, how to apply and where to go for more information. This information sheet will be translated into several languages.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

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

Medicaid enrollment is currently at 1,794,058 members.

The redetermination process has started and the first disenrollments will happen at the end of the month. The Department will report back to the Committee on actual numbers next month. The Department will be posting our reports to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on our website and can be found at the following link:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/MedicaidCheckIn-Data.aspx>. We are also working on a fancier public facing dashboard for the public. Remember - Maryland is taking the full twelve months allowed to conduct redeterminations. There is a federal guardrail on how many applications states can start each month, but each state has approached the unwinding differently. This will be important to remember when comparing our data to other states.

The Department is applying for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant on Collaborative Care. The application was submitted this week. If awarded, we will receive \$2 million for up to five years. Those monies cannot go towards services. But the funds will go towards infrastructure, training, and reporting capabilities. We will inform the Committee if we are awarded that grant.

There is a lot of activity at the CMS level impacting Medicaid. There is new guidance on school-based services and the Department is actively reviewing that new guidance. Information on these changes can be found at this link: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/financial-management/downloads/sbs-guide-medicaid-services-administrative-claiming.pdf> This guidance provides on how states can claim Medicaid federal dollars for administrative costs in school. It also provides guidance on how services can be delivered in school.

There is also a lot of guidance coming out regarding new rules for managed care, provider access/network requirements, and state's Medicaid Advisory Committees. States are able to provide comments on those proposed rules and we are working with the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) to provide a response. The Department will monitor it through NAMD and the technical assistance provided by CMS.

HealthChoice Evaluation

Ms. Nancy Brown, Division Chief, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, conducted the 2023 post-award forum and review of the HealthChoice Evaluation (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 2:30 p.m.