

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2023
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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Those who would like to make public comment should email Ms. Meredith Lawler at, meredith.lawler@maryland.gov or use the question feature to submit questions to the host.

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. SB 678 Implementation Update: Professional Services Rendered by a Pharmacist
- III. CRISP: Multi-payer Reporting Suite
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 26, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Hon. Heather Bagnall
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
The Hon. Tiffany Alston
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Mr. Paul Miller
Ms. Diane McComb
Ms. Erin Dorrien
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Nicole McCann
Ms. Nora Hoban
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Stephanie Scharpf
Ms. Vickie Walters
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Winifred Booker, D.D.S

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Theodora Balis, M.D.
Mr. William Webb

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

October 26, 2023

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 September 28, 2023, meeting as written.

Opening Remarks

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

Deputy Secretary Moran highlighted three departmental updates:

This week, there is a Board of Public Works meeting to discuss key objectives to strengthen the State's public health workforce. This includes efforts to strengthen the conversion from contractual to merit positions in key areas within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), including over 100 across the Maryland Department of Health. A portion of those positions fall within Maryland Medicaid.

Maryland Medicaid paused procedural redeterminations in September and October. Procedural redeterminations will resume in November once the Program has completed system fixes within the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to conduct automatic renewals. We will provide an update to the Committee about how this effort strengthens our eligibility and enrollment processes during the unwinding period.

Last month, the Department provided an update on the Healthy Babies Equity Act and expanded eligibility to pregnant undocumented individuals. The program has been a success in terms of outreach and enrollment efforts with over four thousand individuals already enrolled. This month, Maryland Medicaid was recognized for a national award by the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMMD). Annually, NAMMD selects states that are committed to innovation in state Medicaid programs. Maryland was selected this year for its statewide efforts to improve maternal and child health through the new Healthy Babies coverage. You can watch the full video of Maryland Medicaid accepting the 2023 NAMMD Spotlight Award at this link: <https://medicaiddirectors.org/resource/maryland-medicaid-honored-with-2023-spotlight-award/>.

Deputy Secretary Moran praised the Medicaid team for the successful implementation of this program and efforts around the Unwinding Period, particularly to the Office of Eligibility and the Local Health Departments amid redeterminations and continued work on new benefits and expansions.

Departmental Report

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, Office of Health Care Financing, provided the Committee with a Departmental update.

The Department submitted the section 1115 waiver amendment to continue the Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) authority granted during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and continue the section 1335 waiver of the Four Walls Requirement to allow clinics to bill telehealth services at the standard rates when the provider or enrollee are not within the “four walls” of the clinic.

Ms. Roddy reminded the Committee that the continuous eligibility (CE) requirement is effective January 1, 2024 federally. However, Maryland has implemented CE earlier, and CE is effective as of September 1, 2023. Due to all the activities under the PHE unwinding, it will be hard to parse out the impact of CE on the enrollment numbers. We will most likely be able to quantify in year 2.

The annual HealthChoice Program Quality and Monitoring presentation that typically occurs in the fall will be rescheduled for January 2024.

Enrollment Update

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

We are currently at 1,740,720 enrolled in the Medicaid program which is down from a record high of approximately 1.8 million at the end of May 2023 when we started disenrollments. This is a 22.96 percent increase since the maintenance of effort was implemented in February (see attached graph).

Statewide Expansion of the Collaborative Care Model

Ms. Nancy Brown gave the Committee an overview of the statewide expansion of the Collaborative Care Model covered by Maryland Medicaid starting October 1, 2023 (see attached presentation).

Prescribing Practitioner Enrollment Requirement

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Office of Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee an overview of the Order, Referring, Prescribing (ORP) provider enrollment policy that began implementation in November 2022 (see attached presentation).

Doula Enrollment: Upcoming Request for Nominations

Ms. Jessica Taylor, Health Policy Analyst Advanced, Office of Medical Benefits Management, gave the Committee an overview of the Department’s request for nominations for certifying doula organizations (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations, and state plan amendment changes (see attached handouts).

Open Enrollment

Ms. Michele Eberle, Executive Director, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, gave the Committee an overview of new features in the Maryland Health Connection that will be available during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024. The Open Enrollment Period begins November 1, 2023 and closes January 15, 2024 (see attached presentation).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. McCann adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.