

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: **Thursday**, April 22, 2021
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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Please register for MMAC Meeting on April 22, 2021 1:00 p.m. EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8081023846813750800>

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

NOTE: MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAYS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
 - In June 2021, the Department will submit its *Maryland HealthChoice Program §1115 Waiver Renewal Application* to CMS
 - Upcoming public comment period: **May 3, 2021-June 4, 2021**
 - First Public Hearing: **5/11/21, 10:00-12:00 pm**
 - Second Public Hearing: **5/27/21, 3:00-5:00 pm**
 - Combined with HealthChoice Post Award Forum Hearing
 - Information regarding public hearing registration and the draft application can be found on the Maryland HealthChoice Program §1115 Waiver website:
<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/1115-healthchoice-waiver-renewal.aspx>
 - Full draft of the application will be available for public comment on **5/3/21**
- II. Legislative Wrap-Up
- III. American Rescue Plan – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Robin Moore
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Marie McLendon
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Diane McComb
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Maansi Raswant
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Mr. William Webb
Ms. Anna Sierra
Ms. Linda Dietsch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Ms. Nora Hoban
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. Pat Young
Ms. Nicole McCann
Mr. Paul Miller
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

March 22, 2021

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, 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 February 25, 2021 meeting as written.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

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

Enrollment continues to grow (see attached chart). We are currently at 1,568,648 members covered under Maryland Medicaid. As long as the Department is receiving the 6.2% federal matching assistance during the federal public health emergency we cannot disenroll people with very few exceptions. The Biden administration anticipates that the federal public health emergency will continue throughout the remainder of the calendar year.

The Department is working with the governor on opening up the vaccines to the new phases and we are working with providers and managed care organizations (MCOs) to make sure that we are tracking and providing appropriate outreach to locate those individuals vaccinated. As we go into phase 2B, which is March 30, 2021, a key group under Medicaid is being prioritized, the disabled groups that are enrolled because they have SSI or SSDI or employed individuals with disabilities program, rare and expensive case management program (REM) and our TDAP program. That is a significant portion of our population so we will be working with our providers and MCOs to make sure they get the vaccine.

Legislative Update

Ms. Alyssa Brown, Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, gave the Committee an overview of bills the Department is monitoring this legislative session (see attached chart). Today is crossover and the Department is keeping an eye on bills that have passed on to third reader. Sine Die is on Monday, April 12, 2021.

Statewide Integration Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS)

Ms. Laura Goodman, Division Chief, Evaluation, Research and Data Analytics, introduced a panel of presenters with representatives from units and boards from across the Maryland Department of Health dedicated to improving population health in Maryland. The panel gave the Committee a collaborative joint presentation on the Statewide Integration Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS). Presentations included an overview and several population health domains (see attached presentation). Contact information for presenters is as follows:

SIHIS Overview – Ms. Erin Schurmann, HSCRC, erin.schurmann@maryland.gov

Diabetes – Sadie Peters, MD, Population Health, sadie.peters@maryland.gov

Opioid Use – Mr. Steve Schuh, OCCC, steve.schuh@maryland.gov

Maternal Health – Shelly Choo, MD, Maternal Child Health Bureau, shelly.choo@maryland.gov

Pediatric Asthma – Cliff Mitchell, MD, Environmental Health Bureau,
cliff.mitchell@maryland.gov

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations and state plan amendment changes.

Waivers – Public comment periods are open until April 1, 2021 for the Brain Injury, Home and Community Based Options and Medical Day Care Services waivers. Note: Adult Medical Day Care Centers are reopening with safety precautions on Friday March 12, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Regulations – Several regulations are working their way through the process. School-Based Health Centers is moving forward with adding payment procedures for physicians and nurse practitioners billing as SBHC sponsoring agencies.

State Plan Amendments (SPAs) – Several rate changes are moving in line with our regulatory updates. The Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program as well as the DDA Geographic Differential and Increasing Professional Dispensing Fee SPAs have both been approved.

Public Comments

Ms. Gulielma Fager of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition made public comments regarding the Adult Dental Pilot Program.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.