

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, July 28, 2022
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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NOTE: There will be no meeting in August

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Presentation
- III. Telehealth Update
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

June 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Hall
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Mr. William Webb
Ms. Nora Hoban
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Ms. Diane McComb
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Mr. Ben Steffen
Ms. Marie McLendon
Ms. Vickie Walters
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Ms. Nicole McCann
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Mr. Floyd Hartley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Pat Young
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Ms. Erin Dorrien

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

June 23, 2022

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nicole McCann, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the May 26, 2022, meeting as written. Ms. Edith Perry attended the meeting for the Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Ms. Louisa Baucom attended for the Hon. Matthew Morgan.

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 Healthy Babies Equity Act is legislation that was passed requiring Medicaid to cover pregnant non-citizens through the unborn baby. We can only implement this new coverage group under a separate children's health insurance program (CHIP) program. Years ago, we got rid of a separate CHIP program and we now operate CHIP as a Medicaid expansion program. We need to set up a separate chip program to implement the coverage of these women and develop regulations. CMS is providing us with direction on how to implement a separate CHIP program.

The Healthy Babies Equity Act will be a complicated to implement. CMS sent some initial guidance for the required paperwork. The application for a separate CHIP program is close to 70 pages. It will take some time to get that approval though CMS. Implementing this program is going to require making significant program changes to our IT systems which will take at least eight or nine months. In addition, we also have to write regulations and have the regulations approved by AELR. We are looking at a March or July of 2023 implementation date.

Medicaid enrollment continues to go up with a current total of 1,713,380 (see attached chart). We are still seeing week over week growth of a few thousand people. We do expect these numbers to continue to increase incrementally in light of the fact that the federal PHE unwinding has not begun.

Public Health Emergency Unwinding

Ms. Lisa Oelfke, Health Policy Analyst, Office of Eligibility Services, gave the Committee an overview of how the Department will restore routine eligibility and enrollment operations in Maryland after the federal public health emergency ends (see attached presentation).

Health Data Utility

Mr. Craig Behm, Maryland Executive Director, Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), gave the Committee a review of Health Data Utility (see attached presentation).

Maryland Primary Care Program

Mr. Chad Perman, Executive Director, Maryland Primary Care Program Management Office, gave the Committee an update on the Maryland Primary Care Program (see attached presentation).

Ordering and Referring Practitioner Policy

Mr. Benjamin Wolff, Division Chief, Office of Medicaid Provider Services, announced changes coming to the Ordering and Referring Practitioner policy this fall (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Alison Donley, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations, and state plan amendment changes (see attached charts).

Public Comments

Ms. Christine Bailey asked questions on obtaining resources for participants on how to access and utilize the Medicaid fee-for-service program. Ms. Bailey also inquired about participants obtaining a list of providers who serve special needs individuals with chronic health conditions.

Adjournment

Ms. McCann adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.