

Minutes: Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

Date: 05/29/2019

Time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Room 2370, [Elmer Andersen Building](#), 540 Cedar St. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Participation

Participating members: Kerri Gordon, Dr. Christine Foulkes, Hodan Guled, Bob Marcum, Dominic McQuerry

Absent members: Shannon Bakshian

DHS staff: Assistant Commissioner Marie Zimmerman, Krista O'Connor

Guest speakers: Matt Burdick, Governor's Office; Dave Hoang, DHS; Karolina Craft, DHS

Welcome and introductions

Krista O'Connor opened the meeting by welcoming the members and reviewing the agenda for the meeting. After members introduced themselves, Krista reviewed the Health Care Administration vision, as well as the role of the Medicaid Services Advisory Committee.

Legislative session update – presented by Matt Burdick, Governor's Office

Matt Burdick from the Governor's office presented an overview of the legislative session DHS outcomes. The reduction of the health and human services budget is being offset by the Health Care Access Fund (HCAF) however, a decrease will still be seen in FY22/23. The sunset of the provider tax was repealed, and a provider tax rate increase was approved. Additional updates were provided on legislation impacting federal compliance, provider payment, behavioral health, disability services and long term care, program integrity, and several other items related to the Medical Assistance program.

Uniform Preferred Drug List (PDL) update – presented by Dave Hoang, DHS

Dave Hoang from DHS, presented the history of the preferred drug list and the drug formulary committee. He also explained the upcoming changes to the fee-for service and managed care plan's pharmacy benefits and work that has been done to reach out to various stakeholders. Dave explained the uniform preferred drug list, which will be implemented in July 2019, will create a more standardized member experience, minimize disruptions in therapy, simplify pharmacy benefits, reduce administrative burden for providers, and maximize the use of the most cost effective drugs.

Medicaid Quality Measures – presented by Karolina Craft, DHS

Karolina Craft from DHS explained the importance of quality measures, how they are measured, and shared an overview of the different quality initiatives at DHS. Karolina requested feedback from the committee members to help inform the quality information in the Medicaid Matters reports. A brief survey will be sent to committee members to collect their feedback.

DHS Updates – presented by Krista O’Connor, DHS

Krista O’Connor from DHS, provided several updates which included the following.

- The Medicaid Matters and data dashboard is available online and provides useful data on Medicaid and MinnesotaCare enrollees, spending and dental care. This tool can be found at: <https://mn.gov/dhs/medicaid-matters/>
- Several committee members provided feedback to the provider directory survey. They noted that, in general, the provider directories are helpful and contain useful and easy to find information. Members indicated that it would be helpful to have the language blocks placed at the front of the directories, and the order of the languages should reflect the use in Minnesota (instead of being represented in alpha order). Committee members indicated it would also be helpful to simplify the information.
- A decision was made to postpone the addition of new committee members until early fall. To maintain the committee’s six appointments one member, Dominic McQuerry, was added based on the previous application and scoring process. The committee has a goal of adding new members in early fall to increase to four members for each category—providers, non-profit health and human service professionals, and enrollees and caregivers. The full process for new membership will be outlined at the July meeting.

Public comment

No public comment was provided at this meeting.

Next meeting: July 9, 2019, 12:30 – 2:30 pm, Elmer Andersen Building, room 2360

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