



Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

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Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

Welcome



Members & Roll Call



Beneficiary/Caregiver

George Klauser

Robert Marcum

Kate Quale

Bradford Teslow

Open seat (Tribal)



Physicians/Providers

Shannon Bakshian

Dr. Jean Balestrery

Dr. Christine Foulkes

Dr. Micah Niermann

Lynette Tahtinen



Non profit/Human Service

Kerri Gordon

Hodan Guled

Elizabeth McMullen

Dominic McQuerry

Samuel Moose



Health Care Administration Vision:

The Health Care Administration builds and operates affordable and efficient health care programs that improve the health of Minnesotans.

Purpose & duties

Purpose

- Provides guidance on key initiatives brought forward by DHS that affect Medicaid program administration, policy or Medicaid funded services
- Represent community groups and professional stakeholder organizations, Medicaid beneficiaries and caregivers, and various health care and long term services and supports professionals that influence the health and covered services of Medicaid populations
- Serves to advise DHS and is not a governing board.

Duties

- Provide guidance on specific policies, initiatives, and proposed program changes brought forward by DHS
- Act as liaisons back to individuals, organizations, and institutions that receive, facilitate, or provide Medicaid services

- Welcome and Announcements
- COVID
- 2020 Legislative Session update
- Minnesota Medicaid Managed Care Comprehensive Quality Strategy
- Blue Ribbon Commission
- Next meeting & adjourn



Announcements

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Announcements – Open Seats

- Seven Open Seats as of September 1, 2020
- April 24: seats posted with Secretary of State
- May 31: applications due
- June 12: survey responses due
- June/July: review process & formal recommendations
- August: appointments finalized
- September 1: Term starts

Announcements – Procurement Update

- State seeking input on managed care procurement
- MSAC engagement opportunity introduced Feb. 11th
- Managed care procurement timelines shifted
- Engagement opportunity postponed at this time
- MSAC input still needed
- Assignment prior to August meeting and/or details at or after August meeting

Announcements – Feb minutes

- Minutes for February meeting delayed due to COVID
- Minutes will be sent out in the near future
- Committee members can provide any revisions to krista.oconnor@state.mn.us

Announcements – Matt Anderson

- Matt Anderson
- Health Care Administration
Assistant Commissioner and
state Medicaid Director
- February 19, 2020



Announcements – committee members

Updates or announcements
from committee members?





Health Care Administrations Response to COVID
Matt Anderson, HCA Assistant Commissioner & State Medicaid Director

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COVID – HCA response



- [Executive Order 20-12](#)
- [DHS Medicaid Waivers](#)
- Weekly stakeholder webinars

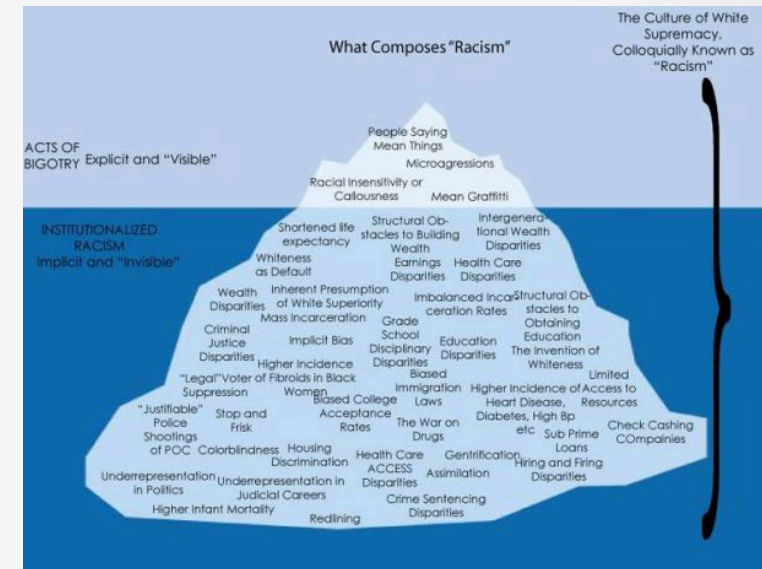


COVID -19 and care for under-resourced populations
Nathan T. Chomilo, MD FAAP
Medical Director I Medicaid & MinnesotaCare

COVID-19 Challenges

- Medicaid Program Paperwork
- Structural Barriers
 - **Structural Racism**
 - Undocumented immigrants
 - Uninsured
 - Health literacy
 - Mental Health services
 - SUD treatment
 - Prenatal, Maternal & Pediatric primary care
 - Disability Care

	State Plan Amendment	1915(c) Appendix K	1135
Eligibility/ Enrollment	✓	✓	✓
Cost Sharing	✓		
Benefits	✓	✓	✓
Reimbursement	✓	✓	
Service Delivery		✓	



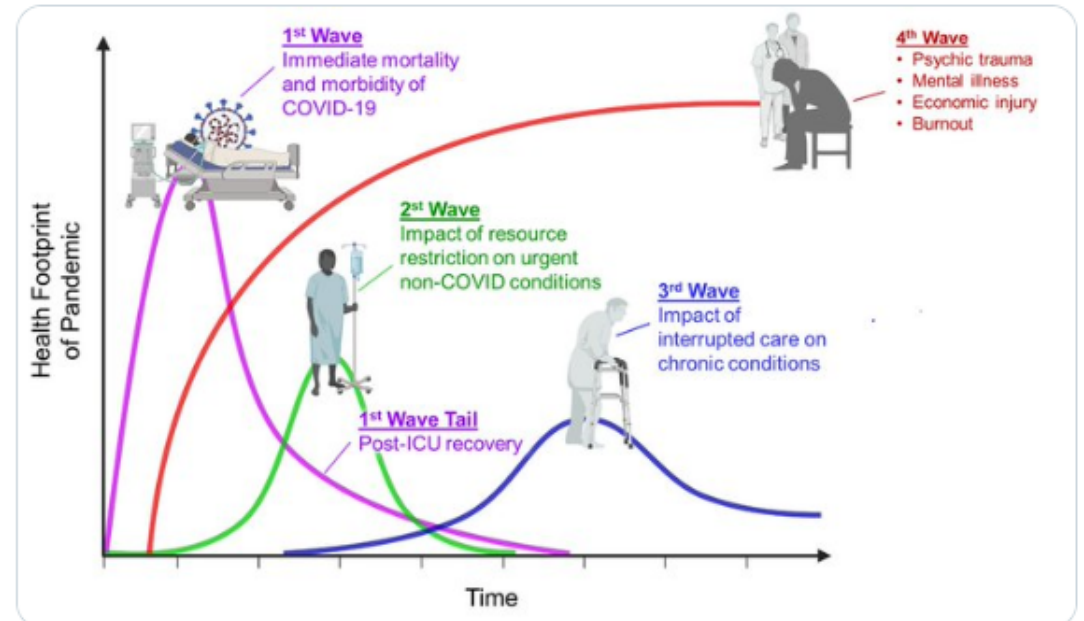
COVID-19 Concerns & Opportunities

- Immediate
 - Funding for critical access hospitals and other Medicaid providers
 - Public Charge's Chilling Effect
 - Reaching populations with limited English proficiency
 - Colorblind guidelines regarding Scarce Resource Allocation & Testing Guidelines
- “Aftershocks”
 - Colorblind approaches to our response
 - Telemedicine as the panacea
 - Economic crisis leading to cuts to other social services that impact health



Victor Tseng
@VectorSting

As our friends and colleagues brave the front lines, we must also get ready for a series of aftershocks. It's very hard to plan this far ahead while we're in survival mode. We must prepare early and strategize our response to the collateral damage of #COVID19



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What is Giving Me Hope

 **Miss Kitty**
@Cerridwensheart

Nothing should go back to normal.
Normal wasn't working.
If we go back to the way things were, we will have lost the lesson.
May we rise up and do better.



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- The ACA is in place (for now)
- Increased federal funding
 - And at least one state (MA) has proposed and others exploring targeted relief to Medicaid clinicians and providers
- Cross-Sector collaboration
- **Building Equity “into the walls”**

COVID -19

Discussion

What is the greatest impact?



Thank You

Nathan T. Chomilo, MD FAAP

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2020 Legislative Session Update
Matt Burdick, Director of State Government Relations

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Minnesota Medicaid Managed Care Comprehensive Quality Strategy

Sterling Kowalski, HCA

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Quality Strategy Report

- CMS requires report updates every three years
- Request for MSAC to review and provide input
- Feedback is welcome on all aspects of the report; members may focus on essential outcomes and/or initiatives
- Feedback: DHS.HealthCare.Research.Quality@State.MN.us
- DUE DATE: May 29, 2020



Blue Ribbon Commission Update
Krista O'Connor, Strategic Development Director

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Blue Ribbon Commission – Current Strategy Status

- 43 priority strategies **identified** for development and consideration
- 19 priority strategies have been **developed**
- **18 priority strategies presented and moved forward by commission**
- 1 priority strategies are developed and have yet to be presented
- 24 priority strategies remain undeveloped
- **Current cost savings estimates range from \$66.2M - \$142.4M**

Blue Ribbon Commission – Next Steps

- Goal is to review as many strategies while still meeting October 1, 2020 due date for action plan
- Anticipate six additional strategies presented (5/21 & 6/4)
- Maximize public comment and stakeholder feedback
- Engage community members and leaders
- Gather input from Commission over next two meetings



Blue Ribbon Commission Stakeholder Engagement

Kylie Nicholas, Managing Consultant & Kassira Absar, Associate Consultant
The Improve Group

The Commission's Charge

Create an action plan that will, at a minimum, include strategies to:

- **Transform the health and human services system** to a) improve program efficiencies, b) produce savings, and c) promote better outcomes for all Minnesotans;
- **Increase administrative efficiencies and improve program simplification** within health and human services public programs, including: examining the roles and experience of the State, counties and tribes in delivering services, and identifying any conflicting and duplicative roles and responsibilities among the health and human services agencies, counties, and tribes;
- Identify evidence-based strategies for addressing the significant cost drivers of State spending on health and human services, including the medical assistance program, in order to **reduce health and human services expenditures with net savings of \$100M in the next biennium** (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023);
- **Reduce waste** in administrative and service spending in health and human services through, including but not limited to misuse and overuse of health care services, fraud reduction, and improved program integrity; and
- **Advance health equity** across geographies and racial and ethnic groups, in part, by addressing disparities in access, and disparities in outcomes

Limitations for recommendations

- In developing the action plan, the commission shall take into consideration the impact of its recommendations on the existing capacity of state agencies, including **staffing needs, technology resources, and existing agency responsibilities**; and the **capacity of county and tribal partners**.
- The commission shall **not** include in the action plan recommendations that may result in **loss of benefits** for the individuals eligible for state health and human services public programs or **exacerbate health disparities** and **inequities in access to health care and human service**

Stakeholder engagement goals

- To obtain **public feedback** on proposed strategies
- Provide **multiple pathways** for providing input
- Create space for **impacted stakeholders to provide feedback** on proposed strategies
- Ensure the **Commission hears perspectives from impacted stakeholders** to help make informed decisions about this work
- Develop **feedback loops** so stakeholders know how their input was used

Stakeholder engagement update

- Maximize efforts amid COVID set-backs
- Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit
- Focus on cost savings strategies
- Majority of community efforts will be conducted via virtual events and interviews
- Shift approach away from individual strategies and focus instead on full draft report which will present background, context, etc.
- Shift timeframe to June/July

Considerations for Community Engagement

1. What should we be paying attention to as we develop outreach strategies in the coming weeks?
2. What recommendations do you have for framing the commission's work, especially the charge of reducing expenditures in the next biennium?
3. How might the people we plan to engage respond to cost saving strategies related to health care services given the current environment?
4. How would this committee like to provide feedback on the draft action plan?

- Modify Certain Medical Assistance Durable Medical Equipment Payment Rates to Match Medicare Rates (initial submission: #420)
- Expand use of the MN Encounter Alerting Service (Initial submission: #127)

Discussion questions

- What are the **potential benefits** of the proposed strategy?
- What are the **potential downsides**?
- What barriers to **passing and/or implementing** the proposed strategy do you anticipate?
- What **changes or modifications** to the proposed strategy do you recommend in order to increase the likelihood of success?
- How will the proposed strategies **impact disparities** in different communities?

How to stay engaged with the Commission

- Full commission meetings are open to the public
- Public comment periods at all in person commission meetings
- Written comment at commission meetings and/or via public website
- Public website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/hhsbrc/>
- Blue Ribbon Commission listserv for announcements and updates

- September 2019 – June 2020: Commission meetings and stakeholder/community engagement events
- June 2020: Final draft action plan due
- June – August 2020: Public comment and review of action plan (August 2020: consideration of public comment)
- Oct. 1, 2020: Action plan due to legislature and Governor
- Oct. 2, 2020: Commission expires
- 2021 Legislative Session: Placeholders for budget and policy proposals



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Thank you

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Written comments can be submitted to

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Next meeting



Tuesday, August 11, 2020

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Location TBD

Thank You!

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