

Medicaid Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Public Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

12:30 – 2:30 pm

- This meeting is open to the public
- Please mute your line to reduce background noise
- Public comment will be taken at the end of the meeting or can be submitted in writing to melorine.mokri@state.mn.us



Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

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Melorine Mokri, Deputy Director, HCA Federal Relations

Welcome



Housekeeping items

- WebEx Meeting
- Meeting is public
- Please mute your line when not speaking and state name prior to speaking
- Committee members can use the chat to provide comment or ask questions
- Public members can provide public comment today by putting “public comment: your name, and your organization” in chat
- Written public comment is also welcomed and encouraged. Please submit to melorine.mokri@state.mn.us
- Indicate conflicts of interest prior to providing comment



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

- Provide 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
- Advise DHS; 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
- Updates
- 2023 MSAC Meeting Schedule
- 2023 Legislative Session Discussion
- Public Comment
- Next Meeting & Adjourn



Updates

Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

Recognition of Outgoing Members

- Bob Marcum (served multiple terms)
- John Wust
- Abdirahman Ahmed
- Stephanie Schwartz
- Hodan Guled (served two terms)
- Megan Ellingson



New Member Appointments Update

- Six Open Seats
 - 1 beneficiary or caregiver of beneficiary
 - 3 non-profit, consumer group or health and human services organization
 - 2 physician or other health care professionals/providers
- December 1, 2022 – January 3, 2027
- Anticipate finalized appointments within next few weeks

Staffing Updates

- Krista O'Connor transitioning to new state role
- Melorine Mokri, Federal Relations Deputy Director new contact
- melorine.mokri@state.mn.us
- 651-895-0287 (mobile)

Public Health Emergency Unwinding

- The US Department of Health and Human Services Extended public health emergency effective October 13, 2022, for up to another 90 days
- HHH pledged to give 60 day notice before terminating the PHE, we will know at the end of this week if the emergency will be terminated or renewed
- End of the PHE triggers the return to annual renewal processes for MHCP

Questions





2023 Medicaid Services Advisory Committee Meetings

2023 Meetings

- Remote
- Quarterly from 12:30 – 2:30 p
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023
- Tuesday, August 8, 2023
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023
- Meeting details and agendas posted to public site: [Minnesota's Medicaid Services Advisory Committee / Minnesota Department of Human Services \(mn.gov\)](#)



2023 Legislative Session

Ann Bobst | Legislative Director, Health Care

Kristy Graume | Legislative Director, Behavioral Health/Housing/Disability Services

Nicole Stockert | Legislative Director, Aging Services

2023 Session Preview

- The 2023 legislative session begins January 3, 2023.
- All 67 seats in the Senate and all 134 House seats are up for election, as is the Governor.
- 2023 is a budget year, and a balanced budget must be passed and signed into law by July 1, 2023.
- The results of today's elections, as well as the November budget forecast, are the next big steps in the proposal development process.

- All of the proposals we are highlighting today are considered **DRAFT**.
 - These proposals are still under discussion and consideration.
- No decisions have been made yet about what will be in the 2023 Governor's budget, nor is this a comprehensive list of items the agency is considering.



Health Care

Eligibility and Enrollment

- Expanding Medical Assistance coverage for children
 - Let children on Medical Assistance stay on the program without reapplying until age 6.
 - Let children ages 6-21 on Medical Assistance only have their eligibility redetermined every 12 months.
- Increasing the asset limit for MA for people age 65 and older and people who are blind or who have a disability

Eligibility and Enrollment (continued)

- Improving the ways applicants and enrollees interact with our programs
 - Improving the language accessibility of applications and forms, including making them easier to understand and available in more languages.
 - Making it possible to report any changes to enrollees' information and upload documents online, instead of having to mail them or contact the county.
 - Making it possible for enrollees to receive notices electronically, instead of in the mail.
 - Improving the access that enrollment assisters, like navigators, have to information about the enrollees they are helping, so they can better help when enrollees have problems or questions.
 - Providing funding so DHS can partner with community-based organizations to work more directly with enrollees and use the information we learn to make additional program improvements.
- Additional needs for “unwinding” from the COVID-19 public health emergency

Benefits and Services

- Expanding the adult dental benefit
- Eliminate out-of-pocket costs for everyone on Medical Assistance when they go to the doctor or the pharmacy
- Remove barriers for doulas to provide care
- Increasing staffing for both our Office of the Managed Care Ombudsperson and the State Medical Review Team (SMRT)



Disability Services, Behavioral Health, and Housing

Disability Services Proposals

- PCA/CFSS rate increases
- Increasing rates for the Positive Support Services to better attract professionals to offer the service
- Updating the competitive workforce factor for unit-based services in the disability waiver rate system
- Aligning disability homemaker rates with the homemaker rates in the Aging programs to create parity
- Increasing the hourly limits for paid parents and spouses for Community-First Services and Supports (CFSS) and Consumer-Directed Services and Supports (CDCS)
- Supporting people with disabilities and direct support professionals during hospitalization by reimbursing for certain personal care assistant (PCA) and waiver services
- Studying the possibility of moving respite, positive support services, and specialist services into a 1915i state plan authority to increase access
- Creating a discrete “Life Sharing” benefit and increasing the rate, while aligning Family Residential Service rates with a person’s assessed support needs

Disability Services Proposals (continued)

- **Rate Increases for Intermediate Care Facility for people with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD).** This proposal would establish a rate floor and provide biennial inflationary updates.
- **Inflationary Updates for Disability Waiver Rate Framework.** This proposal modifies the timing of Bureau of Labor Statistics inflationary updates and uses newer data to calculate the updates. It also modifies the timing of Consumer Price Index updates to better allow rates to keep pace with inflation.

Behavioral Health Proposals

- **Adult Day Treatment Rates.** This proposal increases ADT rates by 50%.
- **Comprehensive Assessments.** Expand the provider types that can provide MA substance use disorder assessments.
- **MA SUD Demonstration Waivers.** Administrative funding to develop the internal infrastructure to expand the current 1115 SUD waiver to include: traditional healing, behavioral health services in jails/prisons, and contingency management.
- **SUD Evidence-Based Treatment.** Requires all MA SUD providers to meet American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria by 2025.
- **OTP payment integrity.** This provision breaks apart the current OTP daily bundle and separates the drug component from the rest of the OTP services. The new payment method includes a weekly drug bundle and non-medication components (substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing).

Housing Proposals

- **Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) Benefit Expansion.** This proposal provides ongoing funding for HSS moving expenses to continue beyond March 2024, when the federal temporary funding ends.
- **Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) Payment Rate Update.** This proposal adds an inflationary increase to Housing Stabilization Services rate every two years, based on the consumer price index, allowing services to keep pace with inflation.



Older Adults

Older Adults Proposals

- **Rate increases for the Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care, and Essential Community Supports programs.** This proposal increases the home and community-based service rates delivered under the EW, AC, and ECS programs. It also establishes a biennial inflationary updates under the Elderly Waiver.
- **Consumer-Directed Consumer Supports (CDCS) parity.** This proposal provides an increase to monthly budgets for people using the CDCS option under EW and AC.
- **Older Adults with high support needs due to complex behavioral health conditions.** This proposal would reform the EW program to allow older adults with complex behavioral health needs to access more intensive services in order to live in their communities.

Thank You!

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Public Comment

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Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

- Please state your name, organization (if relevant) and any conflicts of interest
- Please limit comments to approximately 2 minutes
- Written comments can be submitted to:
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Next meeting



Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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Remote option

Thank You!

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