

Minutes: Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

Date: 02/14/2023

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: WebEx

Participation

Committee Members: Aaron Witnebel, Kate Quale, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Duffy, Abdullahi, Chelsea Jorgenson, Chris Reiten, Suadade Sammuelsan, Ashley Anderson, Katie Peck, Abdullahi Abdullahi,

Department of Human Services (DHS) Staff: Melorine Mokri, Deputy Director, Health Care Federal Relations

Presenters: Ann Bobst, Karen Gibson, Karen Giusto, and Michelle Long

Welcome

Melorine Mokri opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking members as well as public participants for attending the first meeting of 2023, reviewed housekeeping items, the HCA vision, MSAC purpose and duties, the meeting agenda, and noted public comment could be submitted in writing msac.dhs@state.mn.us and to indicate if there's a conflict of interest prior to providing comment; asking to do the same by using the chat box in WebEx.

Updates

Governor's Budget Proposals for Minnesota Health Care Programs

Ann Bobst, Legislative Director

Update on budget proposals: Expand the medical assistance coverage for children without having to reapply until age 6; redetermine eligibility for children ages 6-21 every twelve months; expand MinnesotaCare coverage for undocumented children; invest in the eligibility systems; Improve applications and forms so they're easier to understand and available in more languages; funding for the agency to partner with community-based organizations working directly with enrollees on program improvements; increase awareness of TEFRA option for children with disabilities. Over the next year redetermine the eligibility of all Minnesotans enrolled in our

program; streamline a process that makes it easier for all parties. Some other benefits and service items include adult dental benefit expansion, elimination of out-of-pocket costs for those on MA, remove barriers for doulas, increase our Provider Enrollment and State Medical Review Teams and extend the provisions for audio telehealth until June 2025. Here's the link to additional details from the Office of Governor Tim Walz & Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan: [One Minnesota Budget https://mn.gov/governor/minnesotabudget/](https://mn.gov/governor/minnesotabudget/).

Minnesota Health Care Programs: Plan to Unwind Continuous Coverage

Karen Gibson, Health Care Eligibility and Access Director and Karen Giusto, Health Care Eligibility and Access Manager

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency most renewals were stopped to ensure people had coverage and actions were taken that were beneficial to an individual. The number of Minnesota new enrollees has grown about 28% making close to 1.5 million enrolled in our program. With the new Federal law, Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023, it proclaims continuous coverage will end March 31, 2023, and States may begin redeterminations as early as April 1, 2023. Medical Assistance renewals occur throughout the year, MinnesotaCare renewals occur in the fall. Pillars of the unwinding plan are Program Policy and Training, Measures and Data, System Readiness, Communications and Outreach, Enrollee Support, and County and Tribal Support. One of the Legislative proposals is asking for Federal reinvestment dollars to maintain coverage and to support the unwinding to ensure Minnesotans keep coverage.

Substance Use Disorder System Reform Waiver

Michelle Long, Federal Relations Waiver Manager

Informed everyone about the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System Reform Waiver approved for period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. Notice of Public comments to extend SUD will be on DHS public email list, links on DHS public webpage and posted on the State Register.

Public Comment

Dave Snow asked if the State is holding a third-party liability Medicaid conference at the end of April.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

The Medicaid Services Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm and will be held remotely via WebEx.