

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, May 26, 2022
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Eligibility Enrollment Update
- III. HealthChoice Evaluation
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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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
The Hon. Pat Young
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Mr. Ben Steffen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. J.B. Jennings
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Marie McLendon
Ms. Vickie Walters
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Ms. Nicole McCann
Ms. Erin Dorrien
Mr. Floyd Hartley

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Alyssa Brown, facilitated the meeting and called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:05 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the April 28, 2022 meeting as written. Ms. Edith Perry attended the meeting for the Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, provided the Committee with a combined Departmental report and COVID-19 update.

President Biden and the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) has committed to giving states a 60-day notice prior to ending the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE). The timeframe in which to give that notice before the July 15, 2022 deadline has passed. We have been told that the federal PHE will be extended before July 15, 2022. We have also been told to expect that that extension will be similar to past federal PHEs – that it will extend for another 90-day time period. Many states are predicting that the federal PHE will not end before the end of the calendar year and will be extended through December 2022. That means we will be looking at unwinding the PHE in January 2023 if those predictions are accurate.

We had a question last month regarding the status of the implementation of the Healthy Babies Equity Act. The Department is engaged with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and there are some steps that we have to take. One of the major steps is starting a separate Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program. Currently Maryland operates its Children’s Health program through the Medicaid Expansion Authority and we need to have a hybrid model that allows us to operate a CHIP-only program as well. The feedback that CMS has given us is that they have not implemented this authority with other states in a long time and do not have something off the shelf to provide us. CMS is pulling together information for us and then CMS will start engaging with the Department on the federal requirements to implement the program.

Medicaid enrollment continues to go up with a current total of 1,708,139 (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.

Annual 1115 Waiver Post Award Forum Update and HealthChoice Evaluation

In the past, the Department has held the annual 115 Waiver Post Award Forum as a separate meeting after the May MMAC meeting. But after speaking with CMS at our latest 1115 renewal, we came to the decision that we can bring the 2022 post award forum to you and we've also incorporated our annual HealthChoice evaluation review into that as well. Ms. Nancy Brown, Ms. Laura Goodman, Ms. Sandy Kick and Ms. Alyssa Brown gave the Committee an overview of 1115 Waiver updates and the HealthChoice evaluation (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Alyssa Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.