



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN

Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Remote Meeting

2 Peachtree Street

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Minutes

- Greetings and welcome were given to all attending participants at the start of the meeting at 12:30 am.
- Agenda was approved and adopted.
- Minutes from the 1st quarter meeting held on February 16, 2022, were approved by members
- MCAC Officer Nominations Motion approved Chair - Dr. Ryan Vaughn/Vice Chair – Dr. James Richardson
- MCAC Reappointment & Appointments – Dr. Holloway advised letters are forthcoming
- Lynnette Rhodes, DCH Executive Director, reported on the below reports:
 - CMO Procurement: Engaging Stakeholders/RFI (deadline closed) Timeline for RFP January/February 2023.
 - GA Waiver Update: All waivers will remain in place. No changes Currently requesting various flexibility from CMS.
 - Engaging in a PR Firm to assist with communication to members and public service announcements.
 - Waivers related to Public Health – 1. Extend timeframe/ resolve any fair hearing request. 2. Utilize addresses for members that are maintained by CMO's. 3. Utilize contact information from USPS/National Change of Address Database.
 - Given CMS formal notice DCH will transition out of Postpartum 1115 waiver previously announced moving forward with extension to 12 months Postpartum services.
 - Public Health Emergency Update: extended to mid-October. Anticipating another extension based upon CMS agreeing to give DCH 60 day notice prior to end of PHE to carry to the end of year 2022
- Fee-For-Service Dental Update: (Clarissa Lewis and Nicole Thompson)
 - results of 2021 audits that stated that DCH compliance with federal standards does not ensure that FFS have sufficient access to dental services.
 - DOAA recommendations
 1. Analyze the number of FFS providers who accepts new patients and of participate in Medicaid.

2. Measure the ratio of FFS recipients to active providers accepting new patients on a county level.
3. Conduct “secret shoppers” calls to determine whether FFS beneficiaries can obtain dental appointments in reasonable timeframe.

- *Legislative Update: (Brandy Sylvan)*

- House Bill 1013 – Mental Health Bill – Requires all plans be in compliance with federal parity law and calls for the creation of a violation complaint repository. Establish parity reporting requirements for DCH plan. Establish a maximum Medical Loss Ratio for CMO contracts. Directs DBHDD to create a multi-agency treatment for children (MATCH) for improved care coordination across agency with complex needs. Directs DCH to conduct a rate study for mental health services. Defines coverage requirements for drugs prescribed for the prevention or treatment of psychotic symptoms under MAP. There are different effective dates for this bill.
- House Bill 1324 – Prudent Layperson Standard – requires coverage of emergency care regardless of final diagnosis. Effective Date July 1st, 2022.
- House Bill 1276 – DCH Statistical Reports – Requires Bi-Annual reporting of statistical data for DCH plans. Effective Date July 1st, 2022.
- House Bill 412 – Licensure of Applied Behavior Analysts – will require system changes to allow for provider enrollment. Effective Date July 1st, 2023
- House Bill 918 – Rare Disease Advisory Council – MAP will work with council when considering policy changes regarding rare diseases. Effective Date July 1st, 2022
- State Plan 338 – Postpartum Medical Coverage – Extends eligibility for pregnancy Medicaid to 1 year postpartum. Effective Date (Upon approval by CMS)
- State Plan 341 – Medications for Chronic Conditions – Requires 12-month prior authorizations for medications prescribed for treatment of chronic conditions. Effective Date January 1st, 2023
- State Plan 610 – Provider Rate Study/IMD Waiver – Directs DCH to conduct a rate study for waiver services every 4 years. Directs DCH to submit a waiver request to CMS to allow institutes of mental disease to qualify for medical reimbursement. Effective Date December 31st, 2022
- State Bill 770 – Senate Study Committee on IDD and Waiver Access – creates a study committee to examine IDD waiver access DCH holds a seat on the committee.

- FY 23 DCH budget highlights for MAP
 1. Increase funds for implementation of Express Lane Enrollment
 2. Eliminate provider attestation requirements to allow all providers to receive enhanced rates for primary care codes.
 3. Increase funds to extend postpartum coverage to 12 months
 4. Provide funds for value-based purchasing.
 5. Provide funds for coverage of therapeutic and care management servicing trails and donor milk
 6. Increase reimbursement rates for LTAC's, ventilators, medical nutrition therapy, dental services, independent pharmacy dispensing fees and others.
- Announcements/Information
 - Next MCAC meeting December 7, 2022 (Location TBD)

Adjournment at 1:35 pm