

**MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC) MEETING
MINUTES
February 15, 2017
5th Floor Boardroom**

Members Present

Dr. John Lue
Arianne Weldon
Dr. Hugo Scornik
Dr. Kim Hazelwood
J. Reid Wilson
Dr. Helen Gelly

Phone Conference

Marvel Butts
Carie Summers
Sandra Washington
Dr. Hilliary Hahm

Members Absent

Steven Barber
Dr. Michael Brooks
Sonja Allen-Smith
Georgina Howard
Dr. Lucky Jain
Dr. Hogai Nassery
Dr. Bryan Williams
Dr. Lori Paschal
Dr. Sandra Reed
Ed Cockman
Dave Zilles
Dr. Yasmin Tyler-Hill

Call to Order: The MCAC meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. with a welcome address given by Ms. Rebecca Dugger, Facilitator. Ms. Rebecca Dugger called the meeting to order. Dr. John Lue, Chairman, introduced the November 16, 2016 minutes for approval. Dr. Hugo Scornik made a motion to approve the minutes; J. Reid Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

New Business:

The following agenda items were presented:

Georgia Families® Training Presentation: – Linda Wiant, PharmD, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans; Lynnette R. Rhodes, Associate Chief; and Janice Carson, M.D., Assistant Chief, Department of Community Health

Lynnette R. Rhodes, Associate Chief and Janice Carson, M.D., Assistant Chief gave a presentation about the changes in the Georgia Families Program and to educate the MCAC members about the Managed Care program.

Key Points:

A. Managed Care and Planning for Healthy Babies

1. Georgia requires mandatory enrollment for members in the Managed Care entities. Currently there are 1.3M members enrolled.
2. A recent name change occurred from Low Income Families to Parent/Caretaker with Children Medicaid.
3. Some populations are excluded from the mandatory enrollment in Managed Care.
4. There is some discussion under the new administration about states moving to Block Grants; however, we are still fleshing out the pros and cons. Under Block Grants, the federal government will provide block funds based on our spending cost history. Also, under the Block Grants the federal match will go away.

5. Planning for Healthy Babies Recipients receive Family Planning services, Interpregnancy Care services, and Resource Mother Outreach services.

B. CMO Open Enrollment

1. Open enrollment for existing Georgia Families members will be implemented on March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Members can enroll in any of the following ways:
 - Phone: Call the Georgia Families program at 1-888-GA-Enroll (1-888-423-6765);
 - Mail the enrollment form to the address provided;
 - Fax the enrollment form to 1-866-4U2Enroll (1-866-482-3637);
 - Online: Visit www.georgia-families.com
2. Federal Regulations require that we have an Enrollment Broker. Our CMO Enrollment Broker is Maximus.
3. Maximus is responsible for:
 - Member outreach,
 - Mailing the Open Enrollment Packet to Members,
 - Enrolling members in the CMO of their choice, and
 - Answering questions about the CMOs network (physicians, etc.),
4. Open Enrollment Packets will be mailed to members in mid-February.
5. CMOs have a 8.6% reduction in low birthrate babies.
6. CMOs need a minimum of 60 days to coordinate their members' care. The electronic process will allow CMOs access to members' data.
7. 90 day Choice Change Period is in effect from July 1st thru September 30, 2017. Allows members to switch plans if they change their mind.

C. CMO Contractual Requirements

1. Dental Home is a new requirement under the CMOs' July 1, 2017 contract. CMO must ensure that all members under the age of 21 have a Dental Home. Dental Home is responsible for coordinating all of the enrolled members' dental care.
2. Discharge Planning Pilot Program. CMOs must implement the program with hospitals to assist in coordinating care for members being discharged from the hospital. Goal is to reduce readmissions and improve quality of care.
3. Must provide as a minimum the same services that a Fee for Service member receives.
4. CMO must ensure that members have access to all covered services, providers are credentialed, licensed, and have appropriate locations to provide services.
5. New CMO contracts are effective July 1, 2017. A new CMO was brought on; CareSource. GA Medicaid guarantees each CMO 200,000 enrollees on July 1.

D. Other Key Items

1. Georgia now has an Ombudsman with GA Families 360 to help members and providers navigate through CMO system. We are also requiring each CMO to have an Ombudsman similar to the State's Ombudsman.
2. Medicaid Managed Care Rules (MEGA Rule) extended the appeal period from 30 days to 120 days for enrollees to request a hearing.
3. GA Medicaid is scheduling some public forums and Meet and Greet sessions around the state with the CMOs for members and providers starting March 3rd.

E. MCAC Members' Round Table Discussion (general discussions on topics presented and to be presented)

The Committee requested the following subjects to be considered for future topics of discussion:

1. Follow up on Emergency Room Development Pilot
2. Update on Block Grants
3. Children's Mental Health System
4. Update on Biosimilars

Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The next MCAC meeting is August 16, 2017 at 10 a.m. 5th Floor Boardroom.

MCAC 2017 meeting dates:

May 17, 2017

August 16, 2017

November 15, 2017

Medicaid Fair, May 2, 2017

Cobb Galleria Center

Atlanta, GA

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED, THIS 17th DAY OF May, 2017.

John Lue, MD, FACP, Chairperson