

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

MMAC is offering a call-in/webex option for MMAC members and their staff who are unable to attend the meeting in-person. This information is available upon request. It is highly encouraged for MMAC members to attend in-person.

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. ePrep update – (Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services)
- III. MCOs Presentations:
 - a. Staff and Network Model Mix: Jai Medical Systems – (Jai Seunarine, Monisha Kota, & Stephanie Scharpf)
 - i. History, outreach, utilization management, and utilization review with a focus on how to improve outcomes while reducing costs.
 - b. Hospital Owned Plan: PPMCO – (Ed Kumian)
 - i. Advantages of shared medical record/health system model; MCO influence on member engagement; and facilitating outcomes for social determinants of care.
 - c. Medicaid Health Plan: Amerigroup – (Marvin Council/Kathleen Loughran)
 - i. Data and findings of Amerigroup quality meetings. Application of national expertise and resources in Maryland.
 - d. Integrated Health Care Organization: Kaiser – (Dr. Bruce Walman & Wayne Wilson)
 - i. Integration in the Kaiser Model
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes – (Nina McHugh)
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:
Thursday, October 24, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Karen Williams
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Ms. Maansi Raswant
Kathryn Fidler, DNP

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Robin Moore
Mr. Ben Steffen
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Mr. Michael Spurrier
Ms. Kim Lightfoot
Mr. William Webb
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
Mr. Eric Adler
Ms. Carmel Roques
Ms. Isabella Firth
The Hon. Pat Young
Ms. Anna Sierra
Ms. Jessica Dickerson

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

July 25, 2019

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the June 27, 2019 meeting as written. Ms. Aileen Tinney attended the meeting for Ms. Carmel Roque, Ms. Debbie Rizzo attended for Ms. Kim Lightfoot and Ms. Megan Renfrew attended for Mr. Ben Steffen.

Departmental Report

Lisa Burgess, M.D., Acting Deputy Secretary, Behavioral Health Administration announced the appointment of Ms. Stephanie Slowly as her new Chief of Staff.

As per the Committee's suggestion, the Department will convene a managed care organization (MCO) panel that will present at the September MMAC meeting.

Home and Community-Based Options Waiver Registry Prioritization

Mr. Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, informed the Committee of upcoming changes to the Home and Community-based Options waiver policies and processes.

The Community Options waiver is one of 8 home and community-based waivers covered in Medicaid. It is primarily targeted to the elderly and disabled individuals that need nursing home level of care. It is the one place where we cover assisted living services and participants either came into the waiver from a nursing facility or were diverted from a nursing facility stay. Waiver participants are eligible for State Plan services and most Community Options waiver participants receive personal assistance services in their own homes through the Community First Choice program. Maryland receives enhanced federal matching funds for Community First Choice services which are available to individuals who are financially-eligible in the community if they meet an institutional level of care or if they are Medicaid-eligible based on their enrollment in a waiver.

Early in the development of the waiver, the Department reached the maximum number of slots that were authorized and then developed a registry. The registry or waiting list to apply for services currently has over 20,000 names on it. Access to the waiver is on a first come first served basis and because the list is so long, the Department is currently contacting individuals who placed their name on the registry in 2012. The Program has developed a system to prioritize invitations to apply to individuals most at risk for institutionalization. This methodology will be implemented effective October 1, 2019

The way to apply to put their name on the registry and to be screened to determine risk of institutionalization is through the local Maryland Access Point (MAP) site that serves as the single point of entry for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (see attached presentation for details and timelines).

Maryland Access Point

Ms. Liz Woodward, Long Term Services Division Manager, Maryland Department of Aging, gave the Committee an overview of Maryland Access Point, Maryland's aging and disability resource center (see attached presentation).

Update on the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO)

Ms. Rebecca Frechard, Deputy Director, Medicaid Behavioral Health Division, informed the Committee that on July 24, 2019, the Board of Public Works (BPW) approved Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) recommendation to award Optum Behavioral Health the contract with a go live date of January 1, 2020 and an implementation contract that effectively begins September 1, 2019. The contract term is five years with one two-year option.

On November 29, 2018, following a year of development, MDH released a request for proposal (RFP) for the next Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization contract. The contract includes enhancements to staffing, data and reporting, and care coordination. The contract also includes current and future program efforts that support the behavioral health system.

The MDH evaluation team reviewed two proposals and each vendor demonstrated their solutions to the evaluation team. Optum was the selected bidder. Both bidders received word of their status in mid-June and have been working with the Department and will work with one another on the transition that continues to support the Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS).

Optum is working on building their Maryland presence. They are actively recruiting their key positions and building the system. Once those key positions are filled they will be invited here to the MMAC and will engage with the provider networks throughout the state to develop their plan for introduction to their system. Further updates will be provided as the process continues.

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Mr. Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, informed the Committee of the following:

Regulations – The acute hospitals, fair hearing and REM regulations have been submitted to AELR and we expect them to be printed next week and that will open the comment period.

State Plan Amendments (SPA) – we have a new submission for the 1915 (i) on the eligibility requirements for the behavioral health services.

Waivers – the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) amendment was approved last month and that aligns the three waivers with the same end dates and consistent service descriptions among them. Community Options actually implements the registry changes previously discussed. This amendment was submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 28, 2019. We've already had a technical call with them and they didn't seem to have any substantive problems with the amendment and revisions have already been submitted as a result of the call.

There was legislation that gave access to the waiver for individuals that were in the Medicaid expansion group and were receiving Community First Choice (CFC) services, but because they became Medicare eligible, they lost Medicaid and CFC. These individuals will be able to access the waiver with this amendment.

There was a second amendment that is currently in the comment period and has had some technical changes and improvements to self-directed services.

The Autism waiver was approved last month.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.