



Medical Care Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

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| Date: 11/22/2022 | Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM | Location: Microsoft Teams |
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Attendance

| | Name | Organization/Title | | Name | Organization/Title |
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| | Simone Marsteller | Secretary / Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) | ✓ | Ashley Apthorp | Director of Statewide Community Based Services / DOEA |
| ✓ | Tom Wallace | Deputy Secretary for Medicaid / AHCA | ✓ | David Mica, Jr. | Florida Hospital Association |
| | Barbara Palmer | Secretary / Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) | | Diane Sanders-Cepeda, D.O., C.M.D. | Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine |
| | Tom Rice | Operations Review Specialist / APD | ✓ | Victoria Zepp | Florida Coalition for Children |
| | Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., PhD. | Surgeon General / Department of Health | ✓ | Michael Lawton | Florida Association of Health Plans |
| | Shevaun Harris | Secretary / Department of Children and Families (DCF) | | William Marchese, D.M.D, RPh. | Florida Dental Association |
| ✓ | Casey Penn | Assistant Secretary / DCF | | Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP | Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners |
| | Michelle Branham | Secretary / Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) | | Michael Lockwood | Beneficiary |

✓ = Present for the Meeting

Meeting Summary

Documents Distributed:

- [Agenda](#)
- [MCAC PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Opening Remarks

Brittany Gray

Brittany Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting/webinar. She provided an overview of the virtual meeting logistics, advising that all attendee lines would be muted, and attendees would need to use the hand raise feature to be acknowledged before speaking.

Medicaid Program Updates

Tom Wallace



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Tom Wallace, the Deputy Secretary for Medicaid, provided updates for the Medicaid Program. Mr. Wallace provided an overview on management staffing changes, welcoming Mr. Ross Nobles as the new Chief of Medicaid Program Finance, and Ms. Joyce Barry as the Chief of Medicaid Data Analytics. Mr. Wallace then announced the total enrollment for Medicaid as of November 11, 2022, as 5.54 million recipients. This represents an increase of 1.9% percent over the past 3 months. He indicated that the population that has increased the most has been children and families (TANF).

Mr. Wallace provided an update on the Public Health Emergency (PHE), stating that in October, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) extended the PHE until January 11. Mr. Wallace stated that HHS Secretary, Xavier Becerra, has promised to give stakeholders 60-days' notice before lifting the declaration. Mr. Wallace advised that because HHS did not provide a 60-day notice in time to lift the declaration on January 11, it is understood that the PHE will once again be renewed, effective January 11, 2023, and will run for 90 days.

Mr. Wallace then provided an update on the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) funding opportunity, reminding attendees that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) went into effect April 1, 2021. Mr. Wallace stated that Section 9817 of this Act authorized an increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to support HCBS. He stated that there are four one-time funding opportunities currently available: Provider Stipend Payments, Provider Retention Payments, Delayed Egress, and 1099 Provider Retention Payments. Mr. Wallace then provided updated statistics on payments that have been processed as of 9/23/22.

Mr. Wallace then announced that the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Data Book was released today, November 22, 2022, and can be accessed through the following link: https://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc/smmc_re-procure.shtml. He also indicated that the Agency is hosting a public meeting to address questions about the Data Book on Thursday, January 5, 2023. He advised attendees to direct all questions regarding the SMMC Data Book to the following email address by Thursday, December 29, 2022: MDA_ACTUARIAL@ahca.myflorida.com

Upcoming MCAC Activities

Brittany Gray

Mrs. Gray provided an update on Subcommittee Appointments, stating that appointments had been made and letters would be mailed out to those members soon.

Mrs. Gray then indicated that the MCAC would be asked to provide feedback on the Comprehensive Quality Strategy Report. This is a written quality strategy for assessing and improving the quality of health care and services furnished by the managed care organizations and other providers. It outlines Florida Medicaid's priorities and goals for: continuous quality improvement, performance improvement efforts that align with and promote these priorities/goals, and quality metrics & performance targets used in measuring performance & improvements. Mrs. Gray advised that the MCAC review is anticipated for Spring of 2023, and that the current report from December 2020 is available through the following link:

https://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Quality/docs/Comprehensive_Quality_Strategy_Report.pdf



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Public Comment

Brittany Gray

Mrs. Gray opened the floor for questions or comments from the public.

Adjourn

Brittany Gray

Mrs. Gray reminded the attendees that all meeting materials and minutes will be made available on the Medical Care Advisory Committee website in the near future. Mrs. Gray thanked everyone for their participation and reminded them that meetings are scheduled quarterly. She advised that any additional questions or comments should be sent to her as the MCAC liaison at Brittany.Gray@ahca.myflorida.com

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.