

# Medical Care Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024	Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM			
Location: Agency for Health 0	Care Administration Headquarters			
2727 M	lahan Drive			
Tallahassee, FL 32308				
Conference Room A – C				
Micros	soft Teams			

# Attendance

Committee Members					
Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)		Department of Children and Families (DCF)			
	Jason Weida	, Secretary, AHCA		Shevaun Harris, Secretary, DCF	
	Kristin Sokolo Medicaid & P	oski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Procurement		Casey Penn Assistant Secretary, DCF	
	Department of Health (DOH)		Associations & Beneficiaries		
	Joseph A. La	dapo, M.D., PhD., Surgeon General		Diane Sanders-Cepeda, D.O., C.M.D., Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine	
т	Andrea Gary	, Director, CMS Plan Administration	✓	Michael Lawton, Florida Association of Health Plans	
	Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)			Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP, Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners	
	Taylor Hatch, Director of APD			Victoria Zepp, Team 180 Consulting – Samantha Benvenisty	
	Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports			David Mica, Jr., Florida Hospital Association	
	Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)			Michael Lockwood, Beneficiary	
$\checkmark$	Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community- Based Services				
	Michelle Brar	elle Branham, Secretary of DOEA			
	Presenters				
	Name	Agency, Division, Title			
	Ken Kniepmann	AHCA, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Medicaid Policy & Quality			

 $\checkmark$  = Present for the Meeting; **T** = Attended Remotely

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **Documents Distributed:**

MCAC PowerPoint Presentation

### **Opening Remarks**

Ken Kniepmann, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Policy & Quality (AHCA or Agency), called the June 26, 2024, Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting to order. Mr. Kniepmann welcomed all in attendance and began introductions with Agency personnel. He then thanked the committee members and members of the public. Mr. Kniepmann proceeded to remind the audience of the blackout period and the meeting logistics.

### **Roll Call/Legislative Updates**

Mr. Kniepmann proceeded with the roll call and had the members introduce themselves. Following the roll call, Mr. Kniepmann began the meeting agenda presentation.

### Legislative Updates

Ken Kniepmann provided an overview of the Legislative updates. The presentation provided the 2024 Legislative Session Update:

- HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)
- SB 7016 Health care (Live Healthy Act)
- SB 7018 Health Care Innovation
- SB 168 Congenital Cytomegalovirus Screenings
- SB 330 Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals
- HB 885 Coverage of Biomarker Testing
- HB 935 Home Health Care Services
- HB 7021 Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Mr. Kniepmann concluded this presentation and proceeded to the next agenda topic.

### MCAC Updates

Ken Kniepmann provided an overview of the CMS – 2442 – Access Rule pertaining to the following MCAC requirements:

Rename Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) to Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC): The renamed Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) will advise on an expanded range of issues (e.g. Additions and changes to services, quality of services, care coordination, beneficiary and provider communications and access to services). Adds public comment period to meeting requirements.

Beneficiary Advisory Group (BAG): Establish a Beneficiary Advisory Group (BAG) comprised of current or past Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and/or caregivers to provide beneficiary perspective on policy and program administration. **BAG meets quarterly prior to the MAC meetings.** 

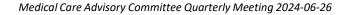


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Transparency: Make information about the MAC and BAG activities publicly available including bylaws, meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, and membership lists.

MAC Membership Requirements: Establish a new minimum requirement for MAC membership to include a requirement for BAG members on MAC (10% - 2025, 20% - 2026, 25% - 2027)

MAC Annual Report: Create and publicly post an annual report **describing activities, topics discussed**, **and recommendations of the BAG**, **as well as the State's response**.

#### **Public Comments**

Mr. Kniepmann opened the floor for public comments.

Andrea Gary asked when does the CMS rule go into effect. Austin Noll stated that there are different components to the rule being implemented, as well as appointments that will need to align to the provisions of the requirement.

No other comments were made.

Mr. Kniepmann concluded the public comment portion of the meeting and transitioned to closing remarks.

#### Closing Remarks

Ken Kniepmann encouraged committee members and members of the public to send their questions or agenda topic recommendations to Kissa Smith in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid Operations and Procurement, at the following email address: <u>kissa.smith@ahca.myflorida.com</u>

#### Adjourn

Mr. Kniepmann thanked the Committee members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

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