



**Agency for Health Care Administration
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Quarterly Meeting Summary**

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Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters

**2727 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Conference Room A – C
Microsoft Teams**

Attendance

Committee Members			
Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)		Department of Children and Families (DCF)	
	Jason Weida, Secretary, AHCA		Shevaun Harris, Secretary, DCF
✓	Brian Meyer AHCA, Deputy Secretary, Medicaid		Casey Penn Assistant Secretary, DCF
		T	Bridget Royster (on behalf of DCF)
Department of Health (DOH)		Associations & Beneficiaries	
	Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., PhD., Surgeon General		Diane Sanders-Cepeda, D.O., C.M.D., Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
T	Andrea Gary, Director, CMS Plan Administration	T	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	T	Victoria Zepp, Team 180 Consulting – Samantha Benvenisty
T	Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports	✓	David Mica, Jr., Florida Hospital Association
Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)		T	Michael Lockwood, Beneficiary
T	Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community-Based Services		
	Michelle Branham, Secretary of DOEA		
Presenters			
	Name	Agency, Division, Title	
✓	Meagan Owens	AHC Administrator, Bureau of Medicaid Policy	



√ = Present for the Meeting; T = Attended Remotely		

Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- MCAC PowerPoint Presentation

Opening Remarks

Brian Meyer

Brian Meyer, Deputy Secretary for Medicaid (AHCA or Agency), called the November 5, 2024, Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting to order. Mr. Meyer welcomed all in attendance and began introductions with Agency personnel. He then thanked the committee members and members of the public. Mr. Meyer proceeded to remind the audience of the blackout period and the meeting logistics.

Roll Call

Brian Meyer

Mr. Meyer proceeded with the roll call and had the members introduce themselves. Following the roll call, Mr. Meyer introduced Meagan Owens to begin the presentation.

Florida Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance and Family Planning 1115 Waivers

Megan Owens

Meagan Owens provided an overview of the Florida Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance and Family Planning 1115 Waivers.

1115 research and demonstration waivers:

- Meagan Owens explained section 1115 of the Social Security Act gave the Secretary of Health and Human services the authority to approve experimental and pilot projects allowing states more flexibility in structuring their Medicaid programs.
- The goals of these waivers included expanded Medicaid eligibility to individuals who would not normally qualify providing services, not typically covered, and implementing innovative delivery systems that improve care efficiency and reduce costs .
- She emphasized the importance of budget neutrality in these waivers meaning they could not increase federal spending beyond what would have been spent without the waiver.

1115 managed medical assistants MMA waiver:

- Megan highlighted this waiver spans from January 15, 2021, to June 30, 2030, and requires the Agency to hold a public forum to gather input on the waivers progress.
- We are currently in demonstration near 18 (2023-2024) and these forums help ensure that the public can



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engage and provide feedback on the waivers implementation and outcomes.

Dental Program:

- This component of the MMA program offers preventive diagnostic and therapeutic dental services to eligible Medicaid recipients.
- Meagan pointed out the services provided go beyond basic care and include oral surgeries addressing the significant need for many Medicaid recipients in Florida.

Family Planning Waiver (FPW) Overview:

- Initially approved in 1998, the family planning waiver has been reauthorized through June 30, 2025, Meagan explained that the family planning waiver requires an annual public forum or community input on the progress covering the period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, which is demonstration Year 26.
- Overall, Meagan provided a thorough overview of Florida's Medicaid waiver programs showing how these waivers have allowed for expanded services while staying within federal budget limits. The discussion highlighted more of the strategic use of waivers to improve health outcomes and maintain the financial responsibility

Mrs. Owens concluded this presentation and proceeded to the next agenda topic.

Public Comments

Brian Meyer

Mr. Meyer opened the floor for public comments. No comments were made. Mr. Meyer concluded the public comment portion of the meeting and transitioned to closing remarks.

Closing Remarks

Brian Meyer

Brian Meyer 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: kissa.smith@ahca.myflorida.com

Adjourn

Brian Meyer

Mr. Meyer thanked the Committee members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM.