

## Fact Sheet

# Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) Overview

## What is the MCAC?

The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) is a federally mandated (42 CFR 431.12) advisory body that advises the Medicaid agency about services, policies, and quality/access to care. The committee provides advice not easily obtainable elsewhere; they have an important role in improving public relations; assistance with exploring designated problem areas and making specific recommendations. This committee participates in policy development but does not make policy decisions.

### **MCAC Committee Composition:**

The MCAC is composed of representatives from each of NC's 14 Congressional Districts in addition to 6 at-large seats.

The Committee's membership categories include:

- Board-certified physicians and other representatives of the health profession
- Director of the public welfare department or the public health department.
- Members of consumer organizations such as labor unions, organizations representing the poor, civil rights organizations, business, consumer cooperatives, and unaffiliated private citizens.
- Medicaid beneficiaries or former beneficiaries and others, including representatives of government, state and county medical societies, and provider associations.
- Professionals in health insurance industry, health and medical education, healthcare finance, as well as community members and leaders.

### **Member Roles and Responsibilities:**

Each member, appointed by the DHHS Secretary, per recommendations from the NC Medicaid Deputy Secretary is asked to serve a three-year term.

All members review, analyze and respond to reports on eligibility, finance, and access to care. Additionally, members contribute input based on their unique perspectives and background advising the Medicaid agency on methods to improve beneficiary's use of the program, education about



benefits and services, the availability of primary and specialty care and transportation services. MCAC members comment on the medical aspects of the program, beneficiary grievance and appeals, claims processing and methods of assessing the quality of care.

**Meeting Logistics:**

Meetings are held quarterly or as needed in person or via teleconference. Typically, in person meetings are held in Raleigh, N.C. Travel reimbursement is provided.

## **MCAC IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

The MCAC seeks diverse members from across the state to represent the interest and needs of Medicaid's diverse population. Current vacancies exist in Congressional Districts 11, 14 and three At-Large seats. Individuals who fit one of the previously identified categories may submit a statement of interest to the contact listed below.

## **NC MEDICAID CONTACT**

Interested individuals should contact Pamela Beatty at [Pamela.Beatty@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Pamela.Beatty@dhhs.nc.gov)

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