

NC Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2024
Hybrid Meeting

MCAC Members present:

Gary Massey, MCAC Chair, Samuel Clark, Benjamin Smith, Stephanie Tyson, Vickie Bradley, Jenny Hobbs, Anne Rivenbark, Gabriela Placencia, German Matthew, LaSonia Barnett, Steve Small.

NC Medicaid Staff present:

Jay Ludlam, Melanie Bush, Adam Levinson, Kathy Batton, Kristen Dubay and a host of other staff members attended via Teams.

Chairman Massey called the MCAC meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2024, welcoming everyone to the second quarter MCAC Meeting. Roll call was taken with a quorum declared by Jennifer Platts.

Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary of NC Medicaid, announced 487,884 beneficiaries have been added to Medicaid since the expansion launched on Dec. 1, 2023, with a two-year goal of reaching 600,000 enrollees. He emphasized that nearly 500,000 individuals now have access to care at no additional cost to the state of North Carolina.

Additionally, Ludlam confirmed Tailored Plans are scheduled to go live July 1, 2024, and assured the Department is fully prepared to support the implementation, along with supporting the providers and members.

Melanie Bush, Deputy Director, NC Medicaid, delivered a comprehensive overview of Tailored Plans, covering key aspects including:

- An explanation of what a Tailored Plan entails
- Details on the entities responsible for managing Tailored Plans
- Guidance on how to verify if providers accept your Tailored Plan
- Information on the contents of the Welcome Packet
- Overview of services offered under Tailored Plans
- Discussion of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services
- Insights into 1915(i) Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services

Adam Levinson, Chief Financial Officer, NC Medicaid, reviewed the enrollment and budget projection. He stated through April 2024 NC Medicaid spent approximately 75% of the appropriations budget for services for SFY 2024.

Kathy Batton, Communication Manager, NC Medicaid, provided an update on the proposed rules from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which mandate states replace existing

Medical Care Advisory Committees with two new entities: the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC). She also outlined the membership requirements for both committees, along with other final rules concerning the length and terms of membership, reimbursement for participation, annual reporting and additional compliance obligations.

Kristen Dubay, Chief of Population Health, NC Medicaid, provided a brief overview of Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver. She outlined the timeline for North Carolina's 1115 Waiver, noting the current demonstration is approved from Nov. 1, 2019, through Oct. 31, 2024, and includes the following key components:

- Mandatory Managed Care Program
- Healthy Opportunities Pilots
- Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder (OUD/SUD) Program

Dubay also discussed the North Carolina Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Program, highlighting that it is funded by a seven-year, \$16 million grant from CMS to NCDHHS, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The InCK pilot program has been successfully launched in five counties and is currently providing services to approximately 100,000 young people across the state.

Chairman Massey adjourned the meeting with a reminder of the next MCAC meeting Sept. 20, 2024, which is virtual via Microsoft Teams.

These minutes are a synopsis of the MCAC meeting topics. All items are an update of the NC Medicaid program since the last meeting. Available presentations may be viewed for more details on the MCAC webpage at [medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/meetings-and-notices/committees-and-work-groups/medical-care-advisory-committee](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/medicaid/meetings-and-notices/committees-and-work-groups/medical-care-advisory-committee)