

NC Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2024

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

MCAC Members present:

Gary Massey, MCAC Chair, Samuel Clark, Benjamin Smith, Stephanie Tyson, Ivan Belov, Vickie Bradley, Jenny Hobbs, Anne Rivenbark

NC Medicaid Staff Present

Jay Ludlam, Adam Levinson, Ariana Keil, Emma Sandoe, Pamela Beatty and a host of other staff members attended via Teams.

Chairman Massey called the MCAC meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2024, welcoming everyone to first quarter MCAC Meeting. Roll call was taken with a quorum declared by Pamela Beatty.

Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid, opened by sharing 391,855 beneficiaries have been added to Medicaid with Medicaid expansion since its launch December 1, 2023. The two-year goal is 600,000.

Jay shared Tailored Plans are set to go live on July 1, 2024. Also, in early April a “Go Live” announcement will be made.

Adam Levinson, Chief Financial Officer, NC Medicaid, reviewed the enrollment and budget projection. He stated NC Medicaid is projected to end the year with being in +1% of our appropriation budget of about \$50 million. The \$30 billion budget is expected to be within 1%.

Regarding expenditures, Adam stated through January, NC Medicaid has spent approximately 53% of the appropriations budget for services regarding the Non-Expansion Enrollment. Adam also shared that as of March 11, 2024, approximately 800 million has been spent on expansion.

Ariana Keil, Chief Quality Officer, NC Medicaid, gave a brief overview of Quality and Population Health and Evaluation, sharing the framework focus is Better Care, Healthier People and Communities and Smarter Spending. The Quality Team’s Plan Performance Improvement Projects include the following:

- Standard Plans
- Childhood Immunization Status
- Diabetes Management
- Prenatal and Postpartum Care

- Health Related Resource Needs Screening
- LME/MCO's
- Follow-ups after Emergency Department and Hospitalization for Mental Illness
- Transition to Community Living

Ariana noted the Evaluation Team Highlights and Goals:

- Goal 1: Enhance providers understanding of cost and resources used to help them make decisions on valued based payment arrangements with PHP's
- Goal 2: Help providers and PHP's understand patterns and drivers of potential overuse and inefficiency

The Evaluation Team has partnered with the Health Services Advisory Group to develop a dashboard tool that shows total cost and resource use. Also, separate dashboards are available to NC Medicaid Standard Plans and Advance Medical Homes.

Population Health Highlights:

Focus on oversight of Care Management Programs across our Medicaid Population. This includes managed care programs such as:

- Standard Plan Advance Medical Home Tier 3 care management
- Tailored Care Management for Tailored Plan-eligible members
- Care Management for high-risk pregnancy and at-risk children
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Option care management
- Community Care of NC primary care case management for members of NC Medicaid Direct
- NC Integrated Care for Kids

Emma Sandoe, Deputy Director, Medicaid Policy, shared CMS is revising the federal rules regarding the Medical Care Advisory Committee, replacing the existing committee with two new groups: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and Beneficiary Advisory Committee (BAC). Both MAC and BAC will advise state Medicaid agencies on health and medical services, policy development and program administration.

The MAC/BAC will meet once per quarter, two of the MAC meetings must be opened to the public, the BAC will meet separately from MAC and prior to MAC meetings. Virtual participation must be available, along with financial support to address barriers for beneficiary participation.

Chairman Massey adjourned the meeting with a reminder of the next MCAC meeting June 21, 2024, which is in-person at the McKimmon Center.

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