

**Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

- The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.
- Members and guests introduced themselves.
 - Members in attendance: Matuor Alier, Brenda Bergsrud, Melissa Bingham, Tim Blasl, Dr. Joan Connell, Darko Draganic, Donene Feist, Jessica Gilbertson, Trina Gress, Courtney Koebele, Elizabeth Larson-Steckler, Senator Judy Lee, Senator Tim Mathern, Janelle Moos, Lisa Murry, Stephen Olson, Emma Quinn, Sara Stallman, Kim Mertz (State Health Officer designee), Caprice Knapp
 - Guests in attendance: David Boeck, Tia Brandon, Pam Gulleeson, Kirsten Dvorak, Mark Schafer, Mike Eggers, Ryan Messer, Marley Prunty-Benson, Tina Bay, Kayla Fender, Nancy Nikolas Maier, Sandy Erber, Dawn Mock, Erik Elkins, Brendan Joyce, LeeAnn Thiel, Tammy Zachmeier, Joyce Johnson, Stephanie Waloch, Brenda Finn, Steve McNichols, LuWanna Lawrence, Beth Steffan, Krista Fremming, Jessica Thomasson, Bruce Murry
- A video produced by ND Legislative Council regarding how a bill becomes a law was shown.

Department of Human Services Updates

- A COVID-19 update was provided on the Medicaid response to the pandemic (more information at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/index.html>) and how the end date of the public health emergency will affect the temporary changes that have been made to policies. An update on the 1915(c) Appendix K approval extensions (through February 2021) was given.
- An update on the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment for community-based behavioral health services was provided (more information at <https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i>).

Discussion

- There was an update provided from the Member Communications subcommittee. This subcommittee is waiting for members to provide recommended changes to several pieces of communication that are sent to members.
- There was an update provided from the Codes and Services subcommittee. This subcommittee has prioritized their list of recommendations for added Medicaid services and will be meeting with Caprice and other Medical Services staff to discuss next steps.

Medical Services Division Updates

- There was discussion on the following State Plan Amendments:
 - Withdrawal management for substance use disorder (ASAM levels 3.2 and 3.7)
 - Bundled rate for medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- An update was provided on how Indian Health Service (IHS) is addressing COVID-19.
- There was an update provided on the following waivers:
 - Developmental Disabilities waiver – feedback on in-home care/respite and electronic visit verification (EVV) waiver amendment.
 - 1915(b) waiver amendment and update to Alternative Benefit Plan.
 - HCBS (aged/disabled) waiver amendment to update rate methodology for certain services to prepare for implementation of EVV.
 - Technology Dependent waiver.
- The following program updates were provided
 - Savings achieved due to Medicaid Expansion pharmacy being administered by DHS starting January 1, 2020.
 - Nursing facility payment reform study.
 - Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM)

- New provider enrollment [video tutorials](#).

Education topic

- A video was shown titled: Medicaid Drug Rebate Program.

2020 Meeting Dates

- The next MMAC meetings will be held on December 8 from 5-8 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.