

MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 10, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST

Attendees

Sarah Aker, Rebecca Kane, Vicki Jessup, Belinda Nelson, Erik Nelson, Jennifer Larson, Jodi Jensen, Lynn Kaufman, Renae Hericks, Matthew Ballard, Scott Kennedy, Mark Burket, Jennifer Gray, Carl McCumber, Jason Wickersham, Michelle Baack, Lindsey Karlson, Bobbie Will, Lindsay Weber, Beth Dokken, Karli Williams, Lisa Gronnenberg

Welcome and Introductions

Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Review Minutes

Minutes from last meeting are available at the [Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting Website](#).

State Plan Amendment Report

Renae Hericks provided an overview of state plan amendments since the last meeting. A complete list of state plan amendments can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson asked for additional information regarding the expansion SPAs and if they are expected to be approved. Sarah Aker indicated that DSS leadership has been meeting with CMS prior to the public comment period for the SPAs and continues to have two standing weekly calls regarding expansion to discuss any potential issues. CMS is looking at the SPAs as a package rather than individually. They have indicated they have no further questions regarding some but would like to approve them all together. They have not indicated any issues at this time.

Unwinding

Sarah Aker presented on the return to normal operations efforts, also known as Public Health Emergency (PHE) unwinding, including how the state plans to handle recipients who may be ineligible but who might qualify for expansion. Slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson asked about the response rate to these letters and outreach efforts. Sarah Aker indicated that there are a high number of individuals not responding. During the PHE individuals were not required to respond to maintain coverage. Approximately 2,000 individuals regained coverage after notification of loss of coverage by providing the requested information.
- Lindsey Karlson asked if recipients that DSS presumes will be eligible for expansion need to complete a new application. Sarah Aker indicated they do due to potential changes in income, household status, or other eligibility requirements we will need a new application.

Expansion

Sarah Aker presented on DSS's plans for Medicaid Expansion effective July 1, 2023. The presentation discussed resources available, coverages, and how to apply. Slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson asked if the previous estimate of expected enrollee numbers changed. Sarah Akers indicated DSS based estimates from a survey of uninsured individuals and still anticipates around 52,000 newly eligible recipients.
- Erik Nelson asked if DSS expects to see all applicants at once. Sarah Aker indicated DSS does not expect to see them all at once but do anticipate a large number to apply in July and August.
- Erik Nelson asked what percent of turnover rate DSS anticipates with this population. Sarah Aker indicated that other states noted a higher rate of turnover than traditional Medicaid and DSS anticipates a similar experience as other states.
- Sarah Aker asked for input regarding areas the committee thinks providers/recipients will need extra resources for? Erik Nelson indicated pointing people to the website and the FAQ document will be very informative. Michelle Baack asked about concerted effort to reach pregnancy population to expand prenatal care in those areas. Sarah Aker indicated DSS would provide an overview of the pregnancy medical home concept later in the meeting.
- Sarah Aker asked about data the committee would like to see especially in terms of the fall meeting. Michelle Baack indicated knowing the increase in prenatal coverage that we will see in terms of total numbers. Erik Nelson indicated he is interested in the churn rate once available and whether we are seeing more individuals enroll than projected. Michelle Baack also expressed interest in the mental health population and whether children at age 18 are they continuing to seek the same services. Jennifer Gray expressed interest in tracking mental health and SUD service utilization.
 - Michelle Baack asked can some of these be tracked through P&T committee? Sarah Aker indicated that DSS may be able to see Rx utilization but maybe not claims yet.

Pregnancy Medical Home

Matthew Ballard presented on the pregnancy medical home model DSS is designing. The presentation highlighted coverages and goals of the program along with seeking input on QI elements for providers.

Discussion and Questions

- Michelle Baack indicated that typically QI projects have cycles, would these operate on a cyclical basis as well? Additionally, would providers also have to have a set number of staff on the QI project? Sarah Aker indicated DSS would appreciate feedback and input on this. DSS anticipates bringing multiple providers together in small groups to discuss outcomes of QI projects and to work on common issues together.
- Michelle Baack inquired if there be QI templates that Medicaid will provide for the projects. Sarah Aker indicated that DSS does not have templates at this time but could look into developing some.
- Michelle Baack asked if nutrition initiatives would be inclusive of breastfeeding initiatives. Sarah Aker indicated that DSS intends to keep QI topics broad so providers could address what's most important to their communities.
- Michelle Baack also asked if parent resources, education for parents etc. could be an initiative. Sarah Aker indicated that DSS is open to other options and hoping that

working with Department of Health agencies will help increase education in these areas as well.

Budget Implementation

Matthew Ballard presented information about upcoming changes to provider rates.

Discussion and Questions

None

Public Input

No public input was provided.

Plan Next Meeting Date

November 8, 2023 10:00-12:00 central