



**Agency for Health Care Administration
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Quarterly Meeting Summary**

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters

**2727 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Conference Room A**

Attendance

Committee Members

Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)		Department of Children and Families (DCF)	
	Jason Weida, Secretary, AHCA		Shevaun Harris, Secretary, DCF
✓	Kristin Sokoloski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid & Procurement		Casey Penn Assistant Secretary, DCF
Department of Health (DOH)		Associations & Beneficiaries	
	Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., PhD., Surgeon General		Diane Sanders-Cepeda, D.O., C.M.D., Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
✓	Andrea Gary, Director, CMS Plan Administration	✓	Michael Lawton, Florida Association of Health Plans
Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)		T	Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP, Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners
	Taylor Hatch, Director of APD	T	Victoria Zepp, Florida Coalition for Children
T	Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports	T	David Mica, Jr., Florida Hospital Association
Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)		T	Michael Lockwood, Beneficiary
T	Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community-Based Services		
	Michelle Branham, Secretary of DOEA		

Presenters

	Name	Agency, Division, Title
✓	Ann Dalton	AHCA, Division of Medicaid Policy & Quality, Bureau Chief of Medicaid Policy
✓	Luis Diaz	AHCA, Florida Health Care Connections (FX), Agency for Health Care Administrator

✓ = Present for the Meeting; T = Attended Remotely



Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- [Agenda](#)
- [MCAC PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Opening Remarks

Kristin Sokoloski

Kristin Sokoloski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid Operations and Procurement (DCOS) at the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA or Agency), called the April 18, 2023, Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting to order. Mrs. Sokoloski welcomed all in attendance, provided a brief overview of the items on the agenda, and transitioned to the next topic for discussion.

SMMC Procurement Statutory Blackout Language

Kristin Sokoloski

Mrs. Sokoloski provided a brief statement regarding ongoing procurement activities related to the 2025 Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) contracts. Mrs. Sokoloski read the following language regarding the statutory blackout period:

On April 11, 2023, the Agency for Health Care Administration posted the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to re-procure the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) health plan contracts. Therefore, we have officially entered into the statutory blackout period as described in s. 287.057(25), F.S., and we must not have any discussions relating to the scope, evaluation, or negotiation of those procurements.

Agency Updates & Rollcall

Kristin Sokoloski

Mrs. Sokoloski presented recent changes regarding the Agency's organizational structure and leadership team to the committee members. Mrs. Sokoloski also reviewed the Agency's organizational chart as of March 2023 and provided an opportunity for committee members to ask any questions regarding the recent changes.

Following the conclusion of her opening remarks and general Agency updates, Mrs. Sokoloski completed the rollcall; committee member attendance is captured on page one of this document. Following the rollcall, Mrs. Sokoloski introduced Ann Dalton, Bureau Chief of Medicaid Policy at AHCA, for a presentation on the Family Planning Waiver.



Family Planning Waiver

Ann Dalton

Mrs. Dalton introduced herself to the committee and members of the public and began her presentation on the Family Planning Waiver. Mrs. Dalton provided a brief background and overview of the State's Family Planning Waiver and explained that the state's current waiver demonstration extension will expire in June of 2023. Mrs. Dalton added that the Agency is in the process of submitting the next demonstration extension request for this waiver. Mrs. Dalton also provided the information below on upcoming Family Planning Waiver demonstration extension activities:

- Prior to applying to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a new demonstration project or an extension of a previously approved demonstration project, the State must provide at least a 30-day public notice and comment period.
- Florida is required to publish a public notice document for at least 30 days prior to submitting the waiver extension request. The public notice document must include a comprehensive description of the program.
- The public notice document is available at the following link for review and comment from March 28, 2023, through April 26, 2023. <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/medicaid-family-planning-waiver-program/family-planning-extension-2023-28>
- Written comment with the subject "1115 Family Planning Waive Extension" can be emailed to FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com or mailed to:

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Prior to the conclusion of her presentation, Mrs. Dalton opened the floor for questions from those present in the room and on Microsoft Teams. Following a brief question and answer period with those in attendance, Mrs. Dalton concluded her agenda topic and Mrs. Sokoloski introduced Luis Diaz for his presentation on the Florida Health Care Connections (FX) project.

Florida Health Care Connections (FX) Update

Luis Diaz

Luis Diaz thanked the Committee and those present in the conference room and on Microsoft Teams for their attendance and began his presentation on the Florida Health Care Connections (FX) project. Mr. Diaz provided an overview and status update on the Unified Operations Center (UOC) Module, which will house the recipient, provider, claims, pharmacy benefits manager, and third-party liability service layers.

Before concluding his presentation, Mr. Diaz opened the floor for questions from those present in the room and on Microsoft Teams. Following a brief question and answer period, Mr. Diaz concluded his presentation.

Mrs. Sokoloski thanked Mr. Diaz for providing these updates to the committee and transitioned to the public comments portion of the meeting.



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Public Comments

Kristin Sokoloski

Mrs. Sokoloski opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made. Mrs. Sokoloski concluded the public comment portion of the meeting and transitioned to closing remarks.

Closing Remarks

Kristin Sokoloski

Mrs. Sokoloski informed those in attendance that the next MCAC meeting is tentatively set for August of 2023.

Mrs. Sokoloski encouraged committee members and members of the public to send their questions or agenda topic recommendations to Kissa Smith in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid Operations and Procurement, at the following email address: kissa.smith@ahca.myflorida.com

Adjourn

Kristin Sokoloski

Mrs. Sokoloski thanked the Committee members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 2:43 PM.