



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

Medical Care Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters

**2727 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Conference Room A – C
Microsoft Teams**

Attendance

Committee Members			
Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)		Department of Children and Families (DCF)	
	Jason Weida, Secretary, AHCA		Shevaun Harris, Secretary, DCF
✓	Brian Meyer AHCA, Deputy Secretary, Medicaid	T	Casey Penn Assistant Secretary, DCF
			Bridget Royster (on behalf of 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
T	Andrea Gary, Director, CMS Plan Administration		Michael Lawton, Florida Association of Health Plans
Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)			Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP, Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners
	Taylor Hatch, Director of APD		Victoria Zepp, Team 180 Consulting – Samantha Benvenisty
	Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports	✓	David Mica, Jr., Florida Hospital Association
✓	Katie Hinrichs, Operations Program Coordinator		Michael Lockwood, Beneficiary
Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)			
T	Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community-Based Services		
	Michelle Branham, Secretary of DOEA		
Presenters			



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	Name	Agency, Division, Title
√ = Present for the Meeting; T = Attended Remotely		

Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- SMMC 3.0 Overview Presentation

Opening Remarks

Brian Meyer

Brian Meyer, Deputy Secretary for Medicaid (AHCA or Agency), called the December 13, 2024, Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting to order. Mr. Meyer welcomed all in attendance. He then thanked the committee members and members of the public. Mr. Meyer proceeded to discuss the meeting logistics.

Roll Call

Brian Meyer

Mr. Meyer proceeded with the roll call and had the members introduce themselves. Following the roll call, Mr. Meyer proceeded with the SMMC3.0 Reprourement Overview.

SMMC 3.0 Reprourement Overview

Brian Meyer

Mr. Meyer began with the introduction of the Florida Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Snapshot. The SMMC program key components are Integrated Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) and Long-Term Care (LTC), and Dental. There are 4.4 million Floridians enrolled in Medicaid, 3.1 million are enrolled in the MMA program, 140,000 in the LTC program, and 3.3 million in the Dental program. We are currently in the second reprourement of health and dental plans. New contracts will begin in 2025 through 2030.

He stated the SMMC program components are the managed medical assistance (MMA), long-term care (LTC), and dental. Mr. Meyer addressed the SMMC 3.0 changes to family focused plans and programs by utilizing Hope Florida and supporting strong families, the significant new ways to improve your health by providing enhanced access to specialized care coordination and providing additional member benefits, to fully integrated incentives for quality performance with new innovative quality performance programs for plans and involving all providers in quality improvement through value-based purchasing. Plans will have the ability to earn incentives and earn additional revenue. Additionally, Mr. Meyer stated the new MMA and LTC health plan types as comprehensive plus, managed medical assistance plus, select comprehensive and dental.

Mr. Meyer concluded with the:

SMMC 3.0 rollout timeline

- September 2024: Voluntary population letter (informational only)
- November and December 2024: Plan transition letter (Initial plan assignment)
- December 2024: Transition confirmation letter (Confirms plan assignment change)



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- February 2025: SMMC 3.0 go live

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- Agency website: ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide-medicaid-managed-care/new-smmc-program
- Provider alerts: Sign up online at ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/florida-medicaid-health-care-alerts
- Webinars
- Targeted outreach with stakeholders

MCAC Restructure

Cole Giering

Cole Giering stated that Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) as we know it is an advisory group for the Florida Medicaid program. Quarterly meetings are held with Medicaid stakeholders, sister state Agency, representatives and subgroup committee members that provide policy suggestions to the Agency.

He discussed the federal rules, CMS final rule 2442-F, pertaining to the restructuring of the MCAC and the increased Transparency for Medicaid reimbursement. Mr. Giering stated that the MCAC will become the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) who will establish the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC). The Increased transparency for Medicaid reimbursement applies to the Home and Community based service direct care worker reimbursement, as well as publish fee-for-service fee schedules and Medicare comparison analysis.

In summary, Mr. Giering stated the necessary changes will be:

1. MCAC becomes the MAC
2. MAC establishes BAC
3. BAC members on the MAC
4. MAC annual report submission to the Agency
5. Agency provides responses and publishes report

Public Comments

Brian Meyer

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

Closing Remarks

Brian Meyer

Brian Meyer 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

The next meeting was announced to be Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Time, to be determined.



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Adjourn

Brian Meyer

Mary Lescher acknowledged board member's Teams meeting attendance:
Ashley Apthorp on behalf of Michelle Branham, Secretary of DOEA
Andrea Gary on behalf of Surgeon General Ladapo
Casey Penn on behalf of Secretary Shevaun Harris

In addition, Kristin Sokoloski on Teams.

Mr. Meyer thanked the Committee members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM.