



Medical Care Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

Date: 1/25/2021

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Webinar

Meeting Summary

Documents Distributed:

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

Welcoming Remarks

Beth Kidder

Beth Kidder welcomed everyone to the meeting/webinar. She provided an overview of the virtual meeting logistics, advising that all attendee lines would be muted and attendees would need to use the webinar hand raise feature to be acknowledged before speaking. Ms. Kidder welcomed two new members to the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC), Ginnifer Barber from the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) and David Mica, Jr. from the Florida Hospital Association (FHA). She then notified the committee of recent Agency leadership changes.

COVID-19 Updates

Beth Kidder

Ms. Kidder highlighted the key Medicaid-related COVID-19 strategies, including extended eligibility flexibilities, provider enrollment flexibilities, the expansion of service limitations, and expanded coverage. Key Medicaid telemedicine flexibilities include expanded service coverage and payment parity. Ms. Kidder also discussed testing and vaccination coverages, as well as flexibilities for co-payments, prior authorizations, and fair hearings. Additionally, she provided an overview of the Medicaid enrollment growth since mid-March of 2020, and shared links to the AHCA and Medicaid COVID websites.

Post Award Forum – Family Planning and Managed Medical Assistance Waivers

Erica Floyd Thomas
Beth Kidder

Ms. Kidder provided a brief explanation of 1115 research and demonstration waivers. She then introduced Erica Floyd Thomas who provided an overview of the 1115 Family Planning Waiver for the post award forum. Ms. Thomas reviewed the goals and objectives of the waiver, the services provided, and eligibility requirements. She discussed the enrollment process and the changes that were made during this award period, and how this aligns with the objectives of the waiver transition. She reviewed the enrollment and utilization data for Demonstration Year (DY) 22, how the waiver objectives are evaluated, and the results of this evaluation. The future evaluation of the project will be conducted by Florida State University using Medicaid eligibility and claim files, birth certificate data, Healthy Start data, and the Department of Health qualitative survey. Ms. Thomas then reviewed the performance improvement monitoring efforts, highlighting that all county health departments were in compliance during DY22. She stated that a requirement of 1115 waivers is budget neutrality, which the Family Planning Waiver maintained through the DY22. The webinar was opened to committee members and other participants for public comment. Allison Yeager, with the Florida Health Justice Project, asked about the expectations for county health departments. Ms. Thomas responded that they are required to assist with applications and ensure that recipients are aware of services. Ms. Thomas asked Allison Yeager to provide her contact information, and



additional information would be forwarded to her. There were no further comments or questions from the committee members or the public.

Beth Kidder then provided an overview of the 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Waiver for the post award forum. Ms. Kidder reviewed the goals and objectives of the waiver and advised of the procurement of the SMMC health and dental plans. She then provided an overview of the dental portion of MMA, including services and expanded benefits for adults. Ms. Kidder provided an overview of calendar year (CY) 2019 performance and HEDIS measures, followed by MMA enrollee satisfaction CAHPS survey results. Ms. Kidder also provided an overview of the self-selection and auto-assignment rates for DY13 and DY14 for comparison. MMA plans are required to offer three healthy behaviors programs: smoking cessation, weight loss, and substance or alcohol abuse. She highlighted the total number enrolled in each program, as well as the percentage of people who complete the programs. She then reviewed the waiver activities that occurred during DY14, which include the Behavioral Health and Supportive Housing Assistance Pilot, which was implemented in December of 2019, and provides transitional housing, mobile crisis management, tenancy sustaining support, and self-help and peer support. She then provided an overview of the participation in the pilot program for DY14. Ms. Kidder highlighted the Low Income Pool program, which provides funds to offset the cost of uncompensated care. She advised that the MMA 1115 waiver continued to be budget neutral throughout DY14. The webinar was opened to committee members and meeting participants for public comment. Michael Lockwood, MCAC member, asked for more information regarding beneficiary satisfaction with the health plans. Ms. Kidder responded that satisfaction may vary slightly from year to year, but the most recent slight decrease will be monitored. There were no further comments or questions from the committee members or the public.

Quality Strategy Document and CY2019 Performance Measures

Melissa Vergeson

Beth then introduced Melissa Vergeson who provided an overview of the 2020 Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS) and CY2019 Performance Measures. Ms. Vergeson explained that the CQS is a federally required submission of specifications for quality assessment and performance improvement strategies that states must implement to ensure the delivery of quality health care offered by managed care organizations. She advised that as federally required, the CQS was sent to the MCAC members for review and feedback and was posted for public comment from October 30, 2020 – November 30, 2020. The 2020 CQS was submitted to CMS in December 2020. Ms. Vergeson explained that the 2020 CQS focuses on the 2018-2023 SMMC contracts and the Agency's Medicaid goals. Ms. Vergeson then shared a matrix outlining the specific quality assurance and improvement initiatives in which Florida Medicaid is engaged. She explained that the initiatives are designed to drive improvements in health outcomes that are efficient, innovative, and cost-effective. Upon completion of the presentation, the webinar was open for questions and comments. With no questions/comments the meeting was turned back over to Beth Kidder.

Adjourn

Beth Kidder

Ms. Kidder thanked everyone for their participation and reminded them that meetings are scheduled quarterly and will be held virtually until further noticed. She advised that any additional questions or comments should be sent to the MCAC liaison Carla Sims at Carla.Sims@ahca.myflorida.com.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.