



BOARD OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES



FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

10:00 AM

Present: Kannan Srinivasan, Greg Peters, Dr. Basim Khan, Paul Hogan, Tim Hanold, Michael H Cook Esq., Maureen S Hollowell

Virtual Attendees: Ashley Gray, Elizabeth Noriega, Ashish Kachru

Absent: Patricia T. Cook, MD

1. Call to Order

Michael Cook, Board Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services at 10:09 am on December 13, 2022, at 600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms A & B, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The meeting was also held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 20, 2022 meeting were introduced and approved.

Moved by Greg Peters Dr; seconded by Maureen S Hollowell to approve.

Motion : 7 - 0

Voting For: Michael H Cook Esq., Maureen S Hollowell, Kannan Srinivasan, Greg Peters Dr, Basim Khan, Paul Hogan, Tim Hanold

Voting Against: None

3. Director's Report

Director Roberts reported to the Board on the Delivery System and as of August 15, 2022, Managed care serves more than 91% of all populations; over 97% full benefit populations. The highlights of 2022 were: Rate and Payment changes, Safe and Sound, Early Release, Doulas, COVID vaccinations, Cardinal Care, Nursing Home Quality Project, Crisis Services, Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) and getting back to "Normal".

Partnership for Petersburg was introduced in August. Governor Youngkin and state agency partners made a public commitment to work toward improving the City of Petersburg

Managed Care Organizations joined Secretary Littel in the Governor's commitment and have so far contributed the following toward our goals of improving healthcare outcomes and access to maternity, pediatric, and primary care:

- 40+ community and health events, many including screenings and vaccinations
- More than \$3M invested into projects directly serving Petersburg, including support of a maternity hub, partnership with Conexus for glasses for all students, as well as donations of necessities, such as toothbrushes, cribettes, diapers, and food

Next Steps: Sustainability, provider engagement

- Our MCO partners are also actively engaged in the Petersburg community through participation in over 40 community and health events since August, many of these events including mobile screenings, vaccinations, and preventive health care services.
- To date, MCOs have invested more than \$3M into projects directly serving Petersburg, including support of a maternity hub, partnership with Conexus for glasses for all students, and donations of necessities, such as toothbrushes, cribettes, diapers, and food.

Next Steps:

1. Engaging Petersburg-area providers on community needs and sustainable strategies to increase health care outcomes:
 - Meeting with Pathways ED on December 16th
 - Maternity Provider meeting on January 4th at the Petersburg Library
 - Collaboration with CVHS
 - Ongoing discussions with VDH, DSS, VHHA
2. Focus on access and utilization, tracking data to evaluate the impact of Partnership for Petersburg engagement

Director Roberts spoke on the Governor's Budget and General Assembly, Behavioral Health System Transformation which Governor Youngkin is committed to enhancing and transforming the Behavioral Health System, the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency, State-Based Exchange, Post-Partum and Infant Care, Community Doula Implementation, Long-Term Services and Supports, Brain Injury Services and Procurement.

4. CFO Report

Chris Gordon, CFO, provided the Board with updates on the FY23 Appropriation, FY23 Appropriation to Actuals by Program and Fiscal Month, and Enrollment and Expenditures.

In Summary, Medicaid Title XIX Expenditures increased nearly 17% over the last year. Medicaid population is still growing at 12.5K per month and ACA childless adults on trend, accounting for over half of Medicaid growth in the first 5 months.

5. Unwinding

Deputy of Administration, Sarah Hatton, provided updates on unwinding.

As one of several conditions of receiving the temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase under FFCRA, states are required to maintain enrollment of individuals in Medicaid until the end of the month in which the public health emergency (PHE) ends (the “continuous coverage” requirement). Since the beginning of the PHE, Virginia has received \$2,001,653,414 in increased funding through Q4 FY22.

The continuous coverage requirement applies to individuals enrolled in Medicaid as of March 18, 2020, or who were determined eligible on or after that date and has allowed people to retain Medicaid coverage and get needed care during the pandemic.

When continuous coverage is eventually discontinued, states will be required to redetermine eligibility for nearly all Medicaid enrollees.

While states are still required to initiate all renewals within 12 months, CMS granted an additional two months for states to complete clean-up actions to come into compliance with Federal requirements for a total of 14 months.

HHS has committed to providing a 60-day PHE final end date notice to CMS/states

- Current PHE expiration date is January 11, 2023, a 60-day notice would have been due on November 12, 2022, for January expiration.
- Another extension of the PHE is expected prior to the January expiration date – it is anticipated this extension will last for a full 90 days.
 - If this extension is the final PHE, the 60-day notice would be given on February 10, 2023, with a new assumed end date of April 11, 2023.
 - First-month coverage termination could begin May 1, 2023.
 - 6.2% FMAP would end June 30, 2023.

As a result of the continuous coverage requirement, the Commonwealth has not experienced the typical churn of Medicaid enrollees. As such, the Commonwealth, like almost all states, is experiencing enrollment growth. Over 2.0 million individuals are enrolled in Virginia Medicaid. At the end of the continuous coverage requirements, almost all of these individuals will require a redetermination.

Preparations to resume normal operations include system updates, Training, Clean Up and Pre-Unwinding Processes, Policy Flexibilities, Stakeholder Outreach, Unwinding Waivers, Member Outreach, and Temporary Flexibilities.

6. Service Recognition

Director Roberts two long-standing board members whose terms will expire in March 2023. Board Chair Michael Cook and member Maureen Hollowell were commended on their participation on the board and valued service to the Medicaid members. Director Roberts recognized both for their time and service to the Board.

7. Regulations

8. New Business/Old Business

9. Adjournment

Moved by Tim Hanold; seconded by Paul Hogan to adjourn.

Motion : 7 - 0

Voting For: Michael H Cook Esq., Maureen S Hollowell, Kannan Srinivasan, Greg Peters, Dr. Basim Khan, Paul Hogan, Tim Hanold

Voting Against: None