



BOARD OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES



FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
12:00 PM

A quorum of the Board of Medical Assistance Services attended the meeting at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) offices at 600 East Broad Street, Richmond. A Teams option was also available for members of the Board and the public to attend virtually.

Present: Kannan Srinivasan, Greg Peters, Dr. Basim Khan, Tim Hanold, Elizabeth Noriega, Jason Brewster, Ashley Gray, Paul Hogan, Ashish Kachru

Absent: Patricia Cook, MD

DMAS Attendees: Jennifer Gobble- Office of the Attorney General – BMAS Board Counsel, Morgan Greer- Office of the Attorney General Cheryl Roberts-DMAS Director, Tammy Whitlock – Deputy Complex Care Services, Adrienne Fegans -Deputy for Programs, Sarah Hatton – Deputy for Administration, Chris Gordon-Deputy for Finance, John Kissel-Deputy for Technology & Innovation, Ivory Banks – Chief of Staff, Rich Rosendahl- Deputy for Health Economics and Economic Policy , Lanette Walker-Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Brian McCormick, Emily McClellan & Brooke Barlow- Board Secretary.

Virtual Attendees: Andrew Mitchell (DMAS), Johanna Linkenhoker, Kenneth McCabe (Virginia), Nancy Malczewski (DMAS), Jay Andrews, Charlotte Arbogast, Jessie Bell, Brittany Poremski, Cindi Jones, Craig Connors, Terry Hurley, Landon Jefferson, Jeremy O. Greenfield, Kim Jones, Joani Latimer, Linda T. Hines, Madison Odallo, Mark Hickman, Maureen Hollowell, Mike Tweedy, ML White, Mom’s in Motion, Patrick Finnerty, Cat Pellitier, Randy Ricker, Karin Roth, Angela Snyder, Peter Sokol, Steve Ford, Traci A. Massie, Vanessa Lane.

1. Call to Order

Kannan Srinivisan-Board Chair, called for a motion by the Board to open the regular meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services at 12:10 pm on June 13, 2023, at 600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms A & B, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 14, 2023, meeting were introduced and approved.

Moved by Kannan Srinivisan; seconded by Ashish Kachru to approve.

Motion: 9 - 0

Voting For: Kannan Srinivasan, Greg Peters, Dr. Basim Khan, Tim Hanold, Elizabeth Noriega, Jason Brewster, Ashley Gray, Paul Hogan, Ashish Kachru

3. Director's Report

Director Roberts provided the Board with an overview of Virginia Medicaid's Overarching Goals, Agency priorities and updates.

Goal 1: Member-Centered Serving members the best way possible

- Improve maternal/child health outcomes
- Ensure members with behavioral health needs obtain coordinated care and services
- Support community living and independence for all older adults and people with disabilities who need help with daily activities

Goal 2: Innovating to create new ways to address member and program needs

- Explore and develop new models and services that drive outcomes
- Foster a team of qualified and passionate public servants
- Streamline the member journey and process from application to services to transitions
- Use data and technology to make our program more efficient and effective

Goal 3: Accountable Managing the Commonwealth's resources with integrity and measurable outcomes

- Ensure program integrity and compliance with State and federal requirements
- Increase accountability of contractors and partners to ensure a stable, accessible, and continuously improving program
- Monitor fiscal integrity and accountability and manage risk

DMAS Agency Priorities "3 for 2023"

Unwinding - Return to Normal Medicaid Redetermination Processing

Right Help Right Now - Behavioral Health Transformation

Managed Care Procurement - Medicaid Managed Care Delivery System Re-procurement

Director Roberts provided updates on each of the items below.

- Workforce
- Partnership for Petersburg
- Cardinal and Provider Enrollment
- Plan Merger
- EAPG correction
- New KePro contract
- Doulas

- Hospital Emergency Room Services
- PI – Auto death file
- Parents and Caregiver
- Nursing Home – VBP

4. Data & Dashboards

Deputy Rich Rosendahl provided the Board with an overview of Healthcare Analytics and Transformation (HAT), Healthcare Analytics Division, Incentive Coordination and Economic Research Division, Includes Value Based Purchasing Unit and Quality and Population Health Division.

Recent Accomplishments – Overall and Data

- DMAS’s Quality and Population Health Division received positive feedback on recent submission of Virginia’s External Quality Review (EQR) technical reports for the 2022-2023 EQR reporting cycle
- Data Trust – initiated and implemented Commonwealth’s first Agency to Agency data transfer through the Office of Data Governance and Analytics Data Trust to support DBHDS's mandated reporting
- Research and Data Sharing Partnerships with 15 other agencies/research institutions for 21 projects to monitor and improve health outcomes for Virginians and ensure compliance with State and Federal regulations
- Submitted data and participated in 2023 Datathon on “Unmasking Maternal Mortality” which was led by the Office of Data Governance and Analytics in the Governor’s Office
- Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) – developed and update measures for Administration’s OKRs each month

Recent Accomplishments – Dashboards

- Dashboards
- Behavioral Health Utilization
- Cost/Utilization
- HEDIS Measures
- Legislative District Statistics
- Value Based Purchasing Nursing Facility

Coming soon

- Unwinding
- Telehealth

5. Behavioral Health Transformation

Deputy Tammy Whitlock provided the Board with an oral presentation of the Behavioral Health Transformation.

6. Unwinding Update

Deputy Sarah Hatton provided the Board with an update on Unwinding.

States were required to maintain enrollment of Medicaid members (enrolled as of March 18, 2020) to receive the additional 6.2% increase until the end of the month in which the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends.

Since March of 2020, DMAS and DSS have closely collaborated to implement flexibilities and protect needed coverage during the PHE to allow access to services. In a parallel effort, the DMAS and DSS began planning in mid-2020 for the eventual unwinding. This close partnership has continued throughout the PHE to ensure all efforts were made to utilize available resources throughout the return to normal transition.

Unwinding Taskforce: Secretary Littel convened a monthly unwinding taskforce beginning in January 2022 to include DMAS and DSS leaders and the Office of the Attorney General. In July 2022, the taskforce was expanded to include Senate and House finance staff and the Department of Planning and Budget per a General Assembly mandate.

In December 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) was signed into effect decoupling the PHE from the continuous coverage requirement effective March 31, 2023: Stepped down the enhanced FMAP beginning April 1st, phasing out the enhanced match December 31, 2023.

CMS requires that states have an approved mitigation plan – or approval not to submit a mitigation plan by March 31, 2023. States that did not receive this approval face the loss of enhanced FMAP, restrictions on taking actions to close enrollments, and delayed redetermination timelines.

Virginia was one of 44 states required to submit a mitigation plan. DMAS received CMS approval on March 29, 2023.

Per federal guidance, April 30th, 2023, was the first month states were permitted to close eligibility.

Renewals that are unable to be completed through the automated process are mailed two months prior to the month in which the renewal is due.

Prior to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, on average:
64,000 cases were due each month
32,000 or 50% were completed through the automated process
32,000 cases were manually processed across 120 local agencies

Member and Stakeholder Resources and Material can be found on the Cover Virginia, Cubre Virginia, and DMAS websites. The Return to Normal Enrollment page on each site contains

toolkits, information, and resources for members, providers, and other stakeholders. to learn more about Virginia’s preparation and important updates.

DMAS Website: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/covid-19-response/>

Cover Virginia Website: <https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/return-to-normal-enrollment/>

Cubre Virginia Website: <https://cubrevirginia.dmas.virginia.gov/return-to-normal-enrollment/>

The Renewal Status Dashboard can be found on the DMAS site under the Data tab that tracks the progress toward redetermining Virginia’s Medicaid population on a monthly basis. The dashboard can be found at <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/data/return-to-normal-enrollment/eligibility-redetermination-tracker/>

Legislator Resources and Information can be found on the DMAS website at:

<https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/about-us/legislative-office-resources/>

New dashboards are available which provide enrollment data by Virginia State House and Senate districts as well as Congressional districts.

7. CFO Report/Budget

CFO Chris Gordon provided the board with an overview of FY23 Appropriation, FY23 Actuals by Program & Fiscal Month and Enrollment.

Summary

- Medicaid Title XIX Expenditures increased 8.7% over last year
- Overall Medicaid had negative enrollment in May for first time since 2019
- ACA Childless Adults negative enrollment lagged one-month behind starting in June
- DMAS monitoring ACA enrollment closely to implement staggered drawdown of hospital taxes

8. Regulations

9. New Business/Old Business

10. Public Comment –

11. Adjournment

Moved by Ashley Gracy; seconded by Jason Brewster to adjourn @ 2:09 pm

Motion: 9 - 0

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