

MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 8, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST

Attendees

Ashley Lauing, Eric Grocott, Matthew Ballard, Jennifer Larson, Erik Nelson, Karli Williams, Lynn Kauffman, Steve Novotny, Todd Kailas, Mark Burkett, Kathi Mueller, Renae Hericks, Valerie Kelly, Kate Derrick, Jennifer Grey, Lisa Gronnenberg, Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Kari Johnston, Lindsay Weber, Scott Kennedy, Beth Dokken, Jason Wickersham

Welcome and Introductions

Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Review Minutes

Minutes from last meeting are available at the [Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting Website](#).

State Plan Amendment Report

Renae Hericks provided an overview of state plan amendments since the last meeting, including updates to the report. A complete list of state plan amendments can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson asked for an update on the 1115 demonstration waiver applications. CMS has not taken action to approve or deny either 1115 application.

Expansion and Unwinding

Matthew Ballard presented on Medicaid expansion, the Public Health Emergency (PHE) unwinding, and provided an overview of the new Medicaid eligibility dashboard. Slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson asked if DSS is tracking whether expansion recipients are employed and if so, what is that percentage. DSS indicated that it has a limited set of data at this time based on Medicaid Expansion being implemented July 1 and due to limitations with the current eligibility system. The new eligibility system launching in the spring will make it easier to provide that data. DSS reviews healthcare utilization for this population and over 80% of these enrollees are accessing some type of Medicaid service.
- Erik Nelson asked if the new eligibility dashboard has expansion enrollment data specifically for ages 50-64. DSS indicated the current age breakdown provided is children and adults. DSS will evaluate this idea further.
- Erik Nelson asked why recipients who DSS thought may be eligible for expansion ended up in a different aid category. DSS stated that recipients must be placed in a mandatory aid category if possible, rather than an optional aid category. The expansion aid category is an optional aid category.
- Erik Nelson asked about the application pathway for most Medicaid expansion applicants. DSS indicated that most applicants are applying independently. DSS has had increased communications with hospitals and advocates, but most are recipients applying for multiple services through DSS. Online applications are common.
- Eric Grocott stated that at his pharmacy they are seeing a lot of recipients who are aware of unwinding and expansion and seem well educated about the subjects.

Pregnancy Program

Valerie Kelly presented on the pregnancy medical home model DSS is designing. The presentation highlighted coverages and goals of the program along with seeking input on care coordination services, barriers to care, and reimbursement. Slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Jason Wickersham suggested DSS provide a tool kit for providers. DSS indicated the intent is to have provider resources on the website along with reoccurring provider-sharing sessions to share best practices and successes.

October 1, 2023 Coverage Changes

Matthew Ballard presented information about changes made to coverages. The provider bulletin can be found [here](#).

Discussion and Questions

None

Public Input

Erik Nelson asked if DSS has any update on the LTC legislative study. DSS indicated they are reviewing in conjunction with DHS and will update the group in the future if the items advance down a policy or legislative path.

Plan Next Meeting Date

May 8, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central