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**Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2024**

**Attendees**

Heather Petermann, Matthew Ballard, Ashley Lauing, Erik Nelson, Renae Hericks, Mary Johnle, Eric Grocott, Clarissa Barnes, Mark Burket, Jon Callies, Valerie Kelly, Lynne Kaufmann, Karli Williams, Kara Peery, Lindsay Weber, Jana, Belinda Grave

**Welcome and Introductions**

Heather Peterman, Medicaid Director, kicked off the meeting with introductions. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) 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 clarification on the following:
  - 23-0008: Renae explained that a SPA was needed to cover iron supplements for expectant mothers. Some supplements are not covered under rebates which resulted in the state submitting a SPA. Additionally, the SPA allows for the state to enter into agreements for value-based purchasing for supplements. SD currently does not have any such agreements.
  - 24-0012: Renae explained that providers are no longer able to collect cost sharing amounts from patients. SD pursued this SPA to comply with CMS cost sharing requirements.
  - 24-0014: Renae indicated this is the annual inflationary increase to health home providers, Health home inflationary increase SPAs are done separate from other increases due to being filed through a separate CMS system.

**Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)**

Ashley Lauing presented on the upcoming changes to MAC and federal requirements to establish a BAC. Slides can be found at the [Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting Website](#).

Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson indicated that a 5-year MAC term may be more appropriate or garner more interests for participants.
- Karli Williams inquired about extending terms if positions are unable to be filled. She also mentioned scheduling challenges for providers when the meeting moves to a quarterly frequency.
- Lynn Kaufmann indicated that she feels a 3-year term would be easiest to commit to over a 5 -year term.
- Erik Nelson asked if the meetings would require a quorum and indicated that he felt a group size of 7-12 would be best. The state indicated that the draft bylaws do require a quorum for all voting issues.
- Eric Grocott asked if a member leaves, will an interim member be appointed? If so will they be able to serve a full consecutive term after or will they fall off after the member's term ends? The draft bylaws contemplate the individual being able to filling the remainder of the term and being able to also then serve a full term.

- Renae Hericks asked if the state would consider varying term lengths. The state indicated this has not previously been considered.

### **MAC Expression of Interest Form**

Ashley Lauing shared a draft version of the expression of interest form to serve on the MAC. A copy of the draft form may be found at the [Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting Website](#).

### Discussion and Questions

- Renae Hericks asked if there is a place to indicate that a nominee is being referred by another person. The state indicated this is not in the current version.
- Erik Nelson asked if the state felt strongly about including a resume as it may be a barrier to some applying.
- Mark Burkett agreed that the resume may be a hindrance but suggested including a short bio instead.
- Eric Grocott felt that the bio would be better than the resume as well. He also asked if we should include a spot for providers to mark down a specialty to make sure a wide variety of provider ranges were included. Dr. Barnes, Medicaid Chief Medical Officer, stated that most resumes would include that if the state required a resume.
- Based on this discussion the state will consider revising to allow a resume or a bio.

### **Baby Ready Update**

Valerie Kelly introduced the marketing vendor Fresh Produce who is leading efforts on the pregnancy program now officially known as “Baby Ready”. Fresh Produce provided an update on outreach efforts to expectant moms.

### **Eligibility and Enrollment Update**

Mary Johnle provided an update on the new eligibility and enrollment system, which is known as BEES.

### Discussion and Questions

- Erik Nelson asked about feedback from recipients on the new BEES system. Mary indicated that she has received customer feedback and that it has mostly been positive, feedback from providers has indicated that updates for multifactor authentication has been difficult in that it makes it hard to help recipients apply. The state is looking into options in the future to help facilitate that.

### **Public Input**

Erik Nelson asked if DSS or Medicaid have any knowledge of Medicaid related legislation?

Heather Petermann indicated that Medicaid is currently unaware of any legislation but with new legislators, we anticipate briefing them on the Medicaid program.

### **Next Meeting Date**

May 7, 2025 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Central Time