

Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.
- Roll call of Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee members was taken. Members in attendance: Matuor Alier, Brenda Bergsrud, Melissa Bingham, Tim Blasl, Dr. Joan Connell, Donene Feist, Trina Gress, Courtney Koebele, Nancy Kopp, Elizabeth Larson Steckler, Senator Judy Lee, Senator Tim Mathern, Janelle Moos, Stephen Olson, Shelly Peterson, Emma Quinn, Gayla Sherman, Bobbie Will.

Department of Human Services Updates

- An update was provided regarding the integration of the Department of Human Services and Department of Health.

Discussion

- The Faces of Medicaid gave a subcommittee report. There is interest from other partners in the project and the possibility of creating some short videos. The committee is exploring these options.
- An update was provided on the American Rescue Plan – temporary 10% increase to FMAP for certain Medicaid HCBS. North Dakota's plan was provisionally approved by CMS, with quarterly progress reports required.
- An update was provided on the American Rescue Plan – option for states to extend Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months. This will be an option at the legislative reconvening in November.
- An overview of [Children with Disabilities Medicaid Coverage](#) (also known as the Buy-In Program) was provided.
- An overview of the [Institutions for Mental Diseases \(IMD\) Policy](#) was provided.

Medical Services Division Updates

- An update was provided regarding the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Report – as required by [Engrossed House Bill 1012](#).
- An update was provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota – new vendor starting January 1, 2022, for the Medicaid Expansion program.
- Operational Updates
 - Proposed updates were provided regarding timely filing policy changes.
 - A provider enrollment revalidations reminder was provided.
 - An update regarding implementation of the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system was provided.
- State Plan Amendments
 - The state submitted a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment for Community-Based Behavioral Health Services to CMS on September 13, 2021. The amendment would change the WHODAS eligibility score for the program.

Education topic

- [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment \(EPSDT\) Program](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.