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Public Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Thursday, October 20, 2022, | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location: Due to COVID 19Concerns, this meeting was held virtually via WebEx

Audience: Public Education Subcommittee (Pub Ed)

Pub Ed members Present:

Chair (*)

Brittany Ward, Lurie Children's Hospital

Chantel Bowen, SIU School of Medicine

Edith Avila Olea, ICIRR

* Kathy Chan, Cook County Health

Nancy Aguirre, Community and Residential Services Authority

Nadeen Israel, AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Sherie Arriazola Martinez,

Sue Vega, Alivio Medical Center

Pub Ed Members Absent:

Connie Schiele, HSTP

Erin Weir Lakhmani, Mathematica Policy Research

State Staff Members Present:

(**) Medicaid Administrator

(***) Acting Administrator Division of Eligibility

Arvind Goyal

Danni Mendez

Evan Fazio

Jesse Lava

Jose Jimenez

Kelly Cunningham (**)

Keshonna Lones

Kristin Hartsaw

Leslie Cully

Laura Phelan

Melishia Bansa

Patrick Hostert

Sergio Obregon

Tracy Keen (***)

Tracy Withrow

Robert Mendonsa

Veronica Archundia

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to the order by Kathy Chan, Madam on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. on the WebEx Platform. Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS addressed housekeeping and ground rules for the meeting.
- II. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Kathy Chan, Madam Chair, facilitated Roll Call of Committee members.
- III. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** Tracy Keen, Acting Administrator Division of Eligibility, introduced presenters from the HFS and DHS staff members.
- IV. **Review and Approval of August 18,2022, Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: Kathy Chan, Madam Chair, moved approval of the meeting minutes. Committee member: Sue Vega seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion carried.**

V. State Updates:

A) Medical Programs: The Medical Programs Update was presented by the Medicaid Director, Kelly Cunningham.

- HFS is waiting for approval of the Pharmaceutical SPA.
- The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) This is an integrated program between Medicaid and Medicare. Following a competitive Request for Application (RFA) process 8 PACE organizations located within five regions were selected. [Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\) | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
- Scheduled to begin in 2024, for more information by zip code, please follow this link:
[Designated PACE Organizations | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- In a collaborative effort HFS, DMH, DHS-SUPR, and the Governor's Office are working to create a new model of CCBHCs to deliver behavioral health services. Additional references provided during Ms. Cunningham's presentation can be found at:
[Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\) Initiative | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- Pathways to Success Home and Community-Based Services allows creation of new services for children who have significant behavioral health needs. Additional details:
 - Pathways to Success webpage: [providers \(illinois.gov\)](#)
 - [Provider Notice Issued 11/04/2022 | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
 - Information by zip code: [resources \(illinois.gov\)](#)

B) DHS Update: The presentation was provided by Leslie Cully, Associate Director, IDHS Division of Family & Community Services.

- DHS has been assisting about 3,400 migrants who have arrived in Chicago. DHS is prioritizing getting medical benefits approved while assessing for other benefits.
- DHS has completed Phase 2 of the telephone improvement project, which allows for calls to be answered in a shorter time frame.
- Summer 2022 School P-EBT has been issued.

- DHS hopes to implement text message campaigns by the end of the calendar year.

C) Health Choice Illinois: Keshonna Lones from the Bureau of Managed Care provided the update.

- MMAI transition plan was submitted to CMS on 10/1/22, and currently waiting for feedback.
- Transition plan seeks to maximize integration and continue to focus on whole person care. For more details, please follow this link:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/MMAITransitionPlan2022.pdf>

D) Eligibility Updates:

1. Reports:

Detailed metrics provided by
Tracy Keen, Acting Administrator Division of Eligibility.

A. Metrics – Medicaid applications

3,613 Applications on Hand over 45 days old
9,371 Renewals on Hand

B. Health Benefits for Immigrants - Stats

13,959 ever enrolled in Immigrant Seniors (65+), \$ 211,483,741 in claims
8,894 ever enrolled in Immigrant 55-64, \$ 39,014,497 in claims
10,660 ever enrolled in Immigrant 42-54 as of 18,760,327 in claims data

The complete reports can be viewed on the HFS Public Education Subcommittee at:

[Reports | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)

2. Family Planning SPA:

Policy Director, Laura Phelan provided the presentation.

- Expected date for implementation of the Family Planning Program is November 30, 2022.
- Individuals will be able to apply for the Family Planning Program only or through an opt-in process if determined ineligible for full medical benefits.
- Presumptive Eligibility (PE) will be available through eligible providers. Same provider portal to be used for current PE process.
- Eligibility SPA is with federal CMS for review; coverage SPA will be submitted soon.
- Family planning fee schedule will be posted on HFS website.
- The coverage SPA will be submitted to federal CMS after the public notice period ends.

3. Recoding Medicare cases from ACA to AABD. Tracy Keen continued the presentation of the eligibility update.

- Testing is underway but a date of completion has not been established.
- No one will lose coverage because of these changes. If the change results in a spenddown, it will be met systematically while in Public Health Emergency.

4. Data Collection and Sharing required by SB2133.

HFS has performed an evaluation of systems to determine what is collected in each system, including MMIS, Child Support, IES and ABE and to determine where there are gaps. The evaluation was completed in July and report submitted to the General Assembly includes a budget proposal to implement the necessary changes.

5. PHE unwinding and what other states are doing. HFS is finalizing the plan and will share with this committee at the next meeting.

VI. End of the Public Health Emergency Communications & Messaging Phase 2.

The presentation was made by Evan Fazio. The complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed at the following link:

[Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)

VII. Public Comments: No comments were provided

VIII. Additional Business

IX. Announcements Additional Business: Old and New

A) New MAC and Subcommittee Membership Questionnaire.

Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS shared with the committee members and interested parties the new MAC Subcommittee Membership Questionnaire that can be found at [Medicaid Advisory Committee Opportunities \(pdf\)](#)

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

A) Motion: Kathy Chan, Madam Chair moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Vega, Public Education Subcommittee member, seconded. No opposition. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

B. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2022.