

# Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

## Medicaid Advisory Committee February 7, 2020

### MAC Members Present:

Alejandro Clavier, VIDA Pediatrics  
Andrea Danes, Consumer Representative  
Thomas Huggett, Lawndale Christian Health Center  
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Healthcare Assn.  
Ann Lundy, ACCESS Community Health Network  
Amber Smock, Access Living  
Kai Tao, Alliance Chicago  
Neli Vazquez-Rowland, A Safe Haven  
Sameer Vohra, SIU SOM  
Cheryl Whitaker, Next Level Health

### MAC Members Absent:

Howard Peters, HAP Inc. Consulting  
Arnold Kanter, Barton Healthcare

### HFS Staff Present:

Maria Bruni  
Kelly Cunningham  
Cheryl Easton  
Doug Elwell  
Arvind K. Goyal

Jane Longo  
Robert Mendonsa  
Lauren Phelan  
Lynne Thomas  
Sharice Bradford

### Interested Parties:

Alicia Donegan Lomas - AgeOptions  
Alaina Kennedy - IAMHP  
Amber Kirchoff - Thresholds  
Amy Danahey - HCSC  
Amy Edwards - DSCC  
Amy Ulich - Dept On Aging  
Angel Miles - Access Living  
Anna Deatherage - HDIS  
Anna Schneider - CBHA  
Blanca Campos - CBHA  
Carmel Schwalm - Takeda  
Carrie Muehlbauer - ICOY  
Chris Beal - Otsuka  
Chris Haen - Lurie Children's  
Christine Hener - Shield Healthcare  
Cyrus Winnett - IPHCA  
Dan Rabbitt - Heartland Alliance  
Daniel Frey - IARF  
David Hurter - AMITA  
Debbie Pavich - Thresholds

Diana Hasamear - IL Cancer Care  
Diane Montage - North Shore  
Dina Vonarsdale - Patient Ping  
Doug Johnson - Sobi  
Dru O'Kourke - ICAAP  
Emily Chittajallu - LaRabida  
Emily Payne - ILCC  
Eric Morrow - Shield Healthcare  
E. Fairbanks - Avesis  
Felica Spivack - Meridian  
Garcia Villegas - UIC-DSCC  
Gordana Kocec - IAFP  
Grace Hong Duffin - Kenneth Young Center  
Haner Erkou - Care Advisors  
Heather O'Donnell - Thresholds  
Jamie Weber - Avesis  
Janelle Hamilton - IL Cancer Care  
Jason Carey - Greater Elgin Family Care Center  
Jen McGowan-Tomke - NAMI Chicago  
Jessica Pickens - NextLevel Health

Jessica Chatman - County Care  
Jill Hayden - Meridian  
Jim O'Leary - Beacon  
John Eckert - IDOA  
John Powell - IPHCA  
John Schark  
Judy Bowlby  
Julie Nelson - CSH  
Kate Thierry - Blue Cross/Blue Shield IL  
Kathy Chan - CCH  
Ken Ryan - ISMS  
Kristen Feld - Clearbrook  
Lakshmi Emory - IlliniCare  
Laura Brookes - TASC  
Laura Jones  
Lauren Messmore - UI Health  
Libby Brunsvold - Takeda  
Lila Elman - Pediatrics  
Linnea Windel - VNA Healthcare  
Liz Weber - County Care  
Lorrie Rickman Jones - NextLevel Health  
Lori Reimers - AHIP  
Maria Borrayo - Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness  
Martha Jarmuz - Choices  
Mary Cole - DSCC  
Matina Kourtis - HCSC  
Meg Cooch - The Arc of Illinois  
Michael Hawks  
Michael LaFond - Abbvie  
Michael Gelder  
Michael Gerges - UIC  
Mike Murphy - Blue Cross  
Mona Martin - Pharma  
Nadia Khalid - IHA  
Natalie Lawson - Advocates for Human Potential  
Nicole Kazee - Erie Family  
Nina Bolden - Apex/Cook County  
Nora Collins-Mandeville - ACLU  
Ojars Berzims - Conlon J. Dunn  
Patricia Reedy - IDHS  
Paul Frank - Meridian  
Ralph Schubert - UIC  
Robert Edstrom - Haymarket Center  
Ryan McGraw - Access Living  
Ryan Vagles - Health News Illinois  
Sam Robinson - Canary Telehealth

Samantha Olds Frey - IAMHP  
Sarah Westmore - Civic Federation  
Selma D'Souza - IDOA  
Sheri Cohen - Ounce of Prevention  
Sherrie Arriazola - Safer Foundation  
Stella Van Den Eden - ICOY  
Susan Gordan - Lurie Children's  
Tim Mather - Takeda  
Timothy Jackson - AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
Yari Ramirez Beccue - DSCC

- I. **Call to Order** The regular quarterly meeting of the Medicaid Advisory Committee was called to order on February 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., by Chair Cheryl Whitaker. A quorum was established.
- II. **Introduction** of Committee members and staff in Chicago and Springfield.
- III. **Review and approval of the minutes** – Chair Cheryl Whitaker made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2019, meeting; the motion was seconded; with all committee members voting to approve.
- IV. **Managed Care Update** – Robert Mendonsa provided the managed care update for the Department.
  - a. Health Choice
    - Wellcare owned Meridian
    - Centene did a stock purchase of Wellcare
    - Illinicare was sold to CVS, which also owns Aetna; Centene owned Illinicare in Illinois
    - Meridian is owned by Centene
    - Molina is acquiring NextLevel Health
  - b. Special Needs/DCFS Youth In Care & Former Youth In Care
    - The former Youth In Care and Special Needs Children transition went live on February 1, 2020.
    - The Youth In Care transition is delayed until April 1, 2020.
    - A Rapid Response line (hotline 844-289-2264) has been set up along with a website and an email address [ILYouthCare@Centene.com](mailto:ILYouthCare@Centene.com); website: [www.ILYouthCare.com](http://www.ILYouthCare.com). After hours and weekend hours coverage are available.
  - c. Preferred Drug List (PDL) – Implemented January 1, 2020. All of the Plans have the same Preferred Drug List as the State. The Department is working to get a new committee and appointments and rules in place; then changes to the PDL process can be rolled out. Suggestions from MAC members and audience:
    - Make the PDL list more user friendly.
    - It was suggested that the PDL Committee have representation of both adult and pediatric providers as part of the Committee.
    - PDL process will be rolled out once the committee and rules are in place.
    - Vaccines - same payment for over 20 years – needs to be adjusted.
  - d. IMPACT Update – The Department has implemented a federal requirement regarding IMPACT.
    - Providers must be registered as Medicaid providers; however, this does not mean that they are required to see Medicaid patients.

V. **Integrated Health Home Update** – Doug Elwell provided an update on the following:

a. **Administrator’s Report & Medical Programs Updates** – The State discovered that MCO enrollment spans were disappearing in the MMIS system. The drops were automatic, and some were retroactive. The problem was resolved. There were several factors that impacted the issue. Death is a legitimate reason for retroactive MCO disenrollment. The issue recurred in January. The State is working on it and a resolution is in process.

- It was suggested that the Department take a look at options and research what happened in Texas (recoup) and bring it back to the Committee to see what options there are. If there are options that are legal, and are federally allowed, we would like to see what is out there.
  - The Department can do the research; however, this is something that we cannot do as an agency. It would have to be legislatively done.
- Hospital Assessment – when completed will be valued at approximately \$3 billion.
- Nursing Home Assessment – will be completed this Spring, with linkage to the new federal nursing facility payment system.
- Mobile Crisis Response – providers instructed to rebill claims that had not processed at the appropriate rate.
- Statewide Transition Plans - Kelly Cunningham reported that the 1915 (c) - waiver “Statewide Transition Plan” revision was posted to the HFS website. Illinois is one of a handful of states who has not yet received initial approval of its plan by CMS. The public is invited to comment on the Plan through March 5, 2020.
- Integrated Health Homes launch delayed until July 1, 2020. There will be separate approaches to serving the adult and child populations including the submission of separate State Plan Amendments. The Department will continue its focus on incentivizing outcomes in both areas.
- It was announced by Doug Elwell that he would be stepping down next Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Kelly Cunningham will be taking over Doug’s position.

b. **Redeterminations** - Jane Longo provided an update on redeterminations.

Medicaid Backlogs -Applications on hand over 45 days

- January 2019 – 147,038
- December 2019 – 81,180 (down 45% from January 2019)
- January 2020 – 102,523 (down 30% from January 2019)

Expected increase marketplace apps

Renewals Pending

- January 2019 – 197,882
- December 2019 – 153,228 (down 22% from January 2019)
- January 2020 – 143,683 (down 27% from January 2019)

Percentage of Renewals verified electronically (exparte renewals)

- January 2019 - 20%
- December 2019 - 37%
- January 2020 - 32%

VI. New Business/Announcements

a. Association Comments (rotating)

I. Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) – Jordan Powell, CEO of IPHCA provided an update. IPHCA represents the State’s federally qualified health centers (commonly known as Community Health Centers) which serve over 1.4 million patients at 390 sites throughout Illinois.

- IPHCA have seen large increases in patients, the number of patients with a substance use disorder have tripled.
- 60% of FQHC patients are Medicaid recipients.
- 20% are uninsured.
- Economic Impact – Community Health Centers have saved the State \$2 billion on an annual basis through their Integrated Care Model.
- Committed to Integrated Health Homes.
- Plans to rebrand IPHCA with a new logo, etc.

II. Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans (IAMHP) – Samantha Olds Frey, CEO of Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans (IAMHP) provided an update. Items discussed included the following:

- Ordering providers
- Single PDL
- Providers using old NPIs, unregistered or only using DEA numbers
- Provider guides by provider type
- 3 webinars on special needs kids on website
- A question was posed regarding the proposed CMS Medicaid Block Grant.
  - HFS is reviewing

A motion was put on the floor that the Medicaid Advisory Committee opposes the CMS Block Grant opportunity. The motion was seconded, and the motion prevailed. The Committee’s recommendation is to oppose Block Grants for Medicaid.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Public Education Subcommittee - Kathy Chan provided an update on the MAC Public Education subcommittee meetings from December and February. Those meetings included a discussion of: HFS efforts to address initial application and renewal backlogs; public charge and the State’s efforts to mitigate the chilling effect; and the increase in the uninsured rate for children and the decrease in All Kids enrollment. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2020. All meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/About/BoardsandCommissions/MAC/cc/Pages/default.aspx>.

- b. Quality Care Subcommittee - Chaired by Ann Lundy; the subcommittee was unable to hold the last scheduled meeting. The next Quality Care Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2020. All meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/About/BoardsandCommissions/MAC/cc/Pages/default.aspx>.
- c. Federal Grants – Update provided by Maria Bruni regarding the Notice of Grant Award from Federal CMS for the Support Act Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity Expansion Grant. In the last few months work has focused on getting the grant started with three grant partner organizations to begin some of these activities.
  - Working with Southern Illinois Health Care and Cook County Health Services to develop some regional planning meetings which are scheduled to start in March; will post to HFS website.

VIII. Public Comments

- Items discussed
  - Physician reimbursement – improvement needed.
  - Retro eligibility and recoupment issues were further discussed.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.