

Medical Care Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 20, 2023

Participants

Committee Members (via phone)

Michael Hales (Chair), Jennifer Marchant, Rachel Craig, Muris Prses for Dale Ownby, Brian Monsen, Dr. Robert Baird, Stephanie Burdick, Jennifer Strohecker, Calleen Kenney, Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Kim Dansie, Cassidy Matthew, and Davis Moore.

Committee Members Absent

Joey Hanna, Carlos Flores, Luis Rios, Lisa Heaton, Gina Tuttle, Alan Ormsby, and Michael Jensen.

DHHS Staff (via phone)

Nate Checketts, Tonya Hales, Eric Grant, Brian Roach, Allison Allred, Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Laura Belgique, Jorge Fuentes, David Lewis, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Samantha Moore, Todd Neff, Seyha Ros, Michelle Smith, James Stamos, Jeremy Taylor, Greg Trollan, Jennifer Wisner, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese.

Guest (via phone)

Ciriac Alvarez, Emma Chacon, Jill Chang, Randy Chipman, Adam Cohen, William Cosgrove, Jeanne Edens, Julie Ewing, Russell Frandsen (LFA), Erica Gradwell, Matt Hansen, Brandon Hendrickson, Jeremy Hirchi, Scott Horne, Ryan Jackson, Kristeen Jones, Dave Lesser, Jesse Liddell, Jenifer Lloyd, Noah Miterko, Joni Nebeker, Andrea Neilson, Leanne Peters, Jennifer Radcliffe, Andrew Riggle, Destiny Rockwood, Leigha Rodak, Jessica Sanders, Randal Serr, Daniel Sloan, Stacy Stanford, Jessie Torres, Christopher Williams (LR), Audry Wood, Todd Wood, Sheila Young, Michael Allred (GOPB), Neil Erickson (OIG), and Emily Willis (GOPB).

Approval of Minutes:

Jennifer Brinton made the motion to approve the Apr 20, 2023, MCAC minutes. Kim Dansie seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Public Hearing: 1115 Demonstration Waiver- Amendment for 12-months Extended Postpartum:

Laura Belgique discussed 1115 Demonstration Waiver Amendment for 12-months Extended Postpartum

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/SB133_12_Month_Extended_Postpartum_Public_Hearing_Overview

Questions:

Stephanie Burdick mentioned that she has a couple comments that she would like to share, and she will also submit these in writing. Has CMS already said that they are not accepting waivers like this, is that correct?

Jennifer Strohecker stated that CMS has indicated to us that they lean towards a full coverage package, which is defined underneath the state plan. They have shared with us that they will give our waiver a full review.

Stephanie Burdick mentioned that she would ask that CMS reject the waiver so that we can implement the state plan amendment. Will share comments in writing to Laura.

Jessica Sanders stated that she agrees with Stephanie, that CMS should quickly reject the Utah proposal with the carve out as it's currently written, and apply for full postpartum coverage through CMS, so all women eligible for pregnant coverage could be eligible for 12-months extended postpartum period.

Director's Report:

Jennifer Strohecker gave an update on PRISM, PHE, Medicaid Policies, SPAs, and Rules.

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[https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC Director's Office Updates](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC%20Director's%20Office%20Updates)

SPA's Rules:

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[https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC Rule Summary](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC%20Rule%20Summary)

[https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC SPA Summary](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC%20SPA%20Summary)

Enrollment and Expansion Discussion:

Jeff Nelson gave an update on Public Health Emergency Unwinding.

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[https://medicaid.utah.gov/DocumentsMCAC Unwinding Report \(4/23\)](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC%20Unwinding%20Report%20(4/23))

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/unwinding/>

<https://jobs.utah.gov/mycase-app/ui/home>

Committee Members Updates:

Jennifer Marchant gave an update on Legislative Behavioral and Mental Health.

- SB-19
- SB-217
- SB-106
- HB-248
- HB-78

Other-UTA Transit Pass:

Stephanie Burdick asked where a member can go to get a UTA Transit Pass.

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/mybenefits-login/>

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023, at 4:00-6:00 p.m.