

MCAC Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2023

Director's Office Updates

Consolidated Appropriations Act updates

- The act decoupled the PHE from the Medicaid continuous enrollment requirement and provided a step down of the 6.2 FMAP enhancement over the following six months.
- The act also required many other provisions of the Medicaid program including:
 - 12 months continuous eligibility for children starting Jan 1, 2024.

Unwinding the Continuous enrollment requirements

Utah will begin unwinding activities March 1, 2023 with first closures on April 30, 2023.

- [Key Dates:](#)
 - Member notices will be ready to mail around February 1, 2023. The notice will focus on reminding members to update their address and to be aware of when their review will occur.

Public Health Emergency

- The PHE was renewed on January 11, 2023.
 - Considering that CMS has assured us that they will give us 60 days notice, the next 60 day notice deadline will be Feb 10, 2023. If we don't receive a notice before that date, we can likely assume that the PHE will be renewed again; however, given that CMS has now decoupled the PHE with the FMAP enhancement, their commitment to provide 60 days advance notice may not be honored.
- All the PHE waivers will remain in effect until the end of the PHE.

PRISM Updates

- Important dates:
 - The Division completed soft go live on January 3, 2023.

- The legacy system will freeze March 13-April 3, 2023.
- The hard go live will be on April 3, 2023. On this date, all of the systems will be operational.
- Communication and training resources:
 - [Please review any Medicaid Information Bulletins released between now and the go live date.](#)
 - The December MIB contained PRISM general changes updates.
 - The January MIB will contain PRISM freeze information and frequently asked questions.
 - The division will hold live trainings and on-demand e-learning. Please visit the website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/prism-provider-training/>

Quality withholds and larger quality vision

- The Governor's budget included a statement around quality withholds within the managed care contracts effective July 01, 2023.
- The Division is working with Department leadership and the Governor's office to implement the Governor's intent.
- In conjunction with this, the Division is changing its focus to quality by taking the following steps:
 - The Division will be hiring a Medical Director.
 - The Division will be contracting with an external vendor for core set requirements.
 - The Division will be creating a quality team.

Governor's Budget Recommendations:

- Air Ambulance Medicaid Transport Rates
 - Bring fixed and rotary wing rates in line with the rates provided by surrounding states.
- Family Planning Services
 - Create waiver to cover family planning services for individuals up to 250% FPL and not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.
- Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Payment Rates
 - Bring ICF rates in line with the rates provided by surrounding states.

- Medicaid Consensus
 - Fund FMAP changes, caseload, and mandatory changes.
- Medicaid Annual Wellcare Visits
 - Add primary preventive coverage for adults on Medicaid.
- Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Workers
 - Cover culturally competent community health workers to aid Medicaid members in navigating health systems.
- Medically Complex Children's Waiver (MCCW)
 - Funding to add 190 individuals to the MCCW waiver.
- Medicaid for 12 Months Postpartum
 - Extend postpartum coverage to women beyond the 60-days currently in policy.