

Medical Care Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 18, 2024

Participants

Committee Members (via phone)

Michael Hales (Chair), Jennifer Marchant, Rachel Craig, Carlos Flores, Emily Zheutlin, Melissa Presley, Brian Monsen, Lisa Heaton, Stephanie Burdick, Calleen Kenney, Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Kim Dansie, Alan Ormsby, and Davis Moore.

Committee Members Absent

Joey Hanna, Dr. Robert Baird, Gina Tuttle, Michael Jensen, and Cassidy Matthews.

DHHS Staff (via phone)

Melissa Aitken, Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Laura Belgique, Gina Boren, Yoon Kim-Butterfield, Jorge Fuentes, Eric Grant, Matt Lund, Samantha Moore, Todd Neff, Brian Roach, Seyha Ros, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Michelle Smith, James Stamos, Jennifer Strohecker, Greg Trollan, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

Guest (via phone)

Ciriac Alvarez, Brian Bench, Kate Bradford (GOPB), Emma Chacon, Jill Chang, Nelson Clayton, Adam Cohen, Nate Crippes, Jeannie Edens, Neil Erickson (DGO) Julie Ewing, Russell Frandsen (LFA), Marian Furst, Greg G, Jacob Glenn, Erica Gradwell, Allison Heffernan, Matt Hansen, Geoff Harding, Scott Horne, Michelle Jenson, Jesse Liddell, Jennifer Lloyd, Noah Miterko, Elise Napper (DGO), Andrea Neilson, Leigha Rodak, Andrew Riggie, Shelley Rogne, Dan Schuring (DWS), Stacey Swilling (State Dental Director), Nicole Vallieres, Mark Ward, Christopher Williams, Emily Willis (GOPB), Audry Wood, Todd Wood, and Sheila Young,

Welcome:

Michael Hales welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

Rachel Craig made the motion to approve the March 21, 2024, MCAC minutes. Kim Dansie seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Notices Committee Quarterly Report:

Rachel Craig gave an update.

ACTION:

Jennifer Strohecker will give an update at the next meeting,

Utilization of programs implemented from 2023 legislative session:

Brian Roach gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Legislative Update April, 2024 MCAC.pdf>

Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Update:

Michelle Smith gave an update on Unwinding Continuous Medicaid Eligibility.

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Unwinding_Report.pdf

Director's Report:

Jennifer Strohecker gave an update on Pharmacy outage, Implementation legislative changes, and SPAs Rules.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Implementaiton_Legislative_Items_2024.pdf

https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Director's_Report

SPA's Rules:

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/SPA_Summary_Updated.pdf

https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Rule_Summary.pdf

Committee Member Update:

Michael Hales asked about the administrative rules -Ultra High Cost Drugs (UT-24-0008)-effective date April 22, 2024.

Jennifer Strohecker mentioned we are working to develop a more comprehensive policy around Cell & Gene therapies, which we're calling ultra-high cost drugs. These are drugs that are defined as more than one million dollars per dose. These drugs had been carved out of the managed care plans and brought to fee for service as part of a policy change on July 1, 2024. The state has also pursued with CMS the opportunity to have authority to negotiate value-based agreements on these products. It is on my agenda to talk with the hospital association next week about the policy to carve these drugs out of the DRG for inpatient administration.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024, at 4:00-6:00 p.m.