

# Medical Care Advisory Committee

*Minutes of June 20, 2024*

## Participants

### Committee Members (via phone)

Michael Hales (Chair), Rachel Craig, Carlos Flores, Ciriac Alvarez, Melissa Presley, Brian Monsen, Dr. Robert Baird, Stephanie Burdick, Calleen Kenney, Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Kim Dansie, and Cassidy Matthews.

### Committee Members Absent

Jennifer Marchant, Joey Hanna, Lisa Heaton, Gina Tuttle, Alan Ormsby, Michael Jensen, and Davis Moore

### DHHS Staff (via phone)

Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Gina Boren, Yoon Kim-Butterfield, Nate Checketts, Eric Grant, Michael Keith, Trang Le, Matt Lund, Samantha Moore, Brian Roach, Vanessa Shiba, Michelle Smith, Jim Stamos, Nick Stephenson, Greg Trollan, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

### Guest (via phone)

Justin Allen, Jed Burton, Phillip Burrell, Anni Butterfield, Emma Chacon, Jill Chang, Nelson Clayton, Adam Cohen, William Cosgrove, Payton Connors, Thaiss Del Rio, Jeannie Edens, Neil Erickson (DGO), Julie Ewing, Russell Frandsen (LFA), Monica Frederick, Bobby Ginn, Matt Hansen, Daryl Herrschaft, Brent Hogue, Scott Horne, Matt Isom, Michelle Jenson, Amy Johnson, Matthew La Violette, Brian Lorenz, Katie Mansell, Rebecca Martinez, Marisa Merales, Catherine Morrison, Devki Nagar, Elise Napper (DGO), Joni Nebeker, Andrea Nielson, Mary Ann Nef, Braxton Nerdin, Stuart Pappas, Emily Polichette, Andrew Riggle, Leigha Rodak, Noell Sechrest, Randal Serr, Beau Sorensen, Shannon Sturtevant, Stacey Swilling (State Dental Director), Kristen Tjaden, Payton Thomas, Jeffrey Trainer, Jaycie Voorhees, Audrey Wood, Todd Wood, Josh Young, Sheila Young, Zack Zimmerli,

## Welcome:

Michael Hales welcomed everyone.

## Approval of Minutes:

Jennifer Brinton made the motion to approve the May 16, 2024, MCAC minutes. Calleen Kenney seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

## Chair & Vice Chair Appointments in August.

Michael Hales gave an update.

## Committee Discussion and Vote on FY2026 Budget Recommendations:

Michael Hales gave an update.

## Employer Sponsored Insurance Overview:

Gina Boren gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

[https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/AEM\\_with\\_ESI\\_and\\_UPP\\_Reimbursement\\_Programs.pdf](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/AEM_with_ESI_and_UPP_Reimbursement_Programs.pdf)

### **Questions:**

Rachel Craig asked what the number of enrollments is for this program?

Brian Roach mentioned that there are 649 enrolled in ESI.

Rachel Craig asked if there is resource training available for employers to fill out the ESI form.

Gina Boren mentioned that a worker can attempt to gather that information from the employer by phone, the form itself is not needed just the information in the case.

Rachel Craig mentioned I think it would be good to remind some eligibility workers because they are under the impression that the actual form is required and needs to be filled out.

Stephanie Burdick asked if the majority of the denials for ESI are related to the Hyde Amendment.

Gina Boren mentioned she cannot answer that right now without researching that a little more, if that is something you would like we can do more research on our end for the specific reason why they are being denied.

Stephanie Burdick asked to include UPP and ESI in the research for the Hyde Amendment.

Rebecca Martinez mentioned takeaways. Lessons learned, impacts on members and next steps.

### **Actions:**

Add AEM/ESI and UPP information to the enrollment report

Follow-up with Rachel on employers completing ESI form, and possibly look at better ways to improve the process.

Follow up with Stephanie Burdick on research re: reason why ESI and UPP are being denied.

## **Unwinding Closeout Report:**

Brian Roach gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

[https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Utah Medicaid Unwinding Closeout Presentation.pdf](https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/Utah%20Medicaid%20Unwinding%20Closeout%20Presentation.pdf)

### **Questions:**

Stephanie Burdick mentioned that she wished there was a deeper comprehensive analysis presented of what was involved so we could improve the system.

Brian Roach stated this does not end our participation with unwinding and the process of quality improvement. We know there are efforts that we need to improve the process for members. We have a goal that every eligible member can enroll. We are planning to bring some additional disparity and data back to this meeting at a later date.

## **Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Update:**

Michelle Smith gave an update.

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/enrollment/Medicaid-Enrollment-REPORT-Dashboard.html#persons>

<https://chip.utah.gov/state-chip/>

# CMS Rule Medicaid & CHIP Eligibility Determination, Enrollment, and Renewal Processes Summary and Implementation:

Michelle Smith gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

[https://www.shvs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/SHVS\\_CMS-Final-Rule-on-Medicaid-and-CHIP-Eligibility-Enrollment-and-Renewal.pdf](https://www.shvs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/SHVS_CMS-Final-Rule-on-Medicaid-and-CHIP-Eligibility-Enrollment-and-Renewal.pdf)

## Director's Report:

Eric Grant gave an update.

- Coverage for Justice Involved Populations
- CMS Rule Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services (HCBS & MCAC Changes) - Josip Ambrenac, Office Director, LTSS
- CMS Rule Medicaid & CHIP Managed Care Access, Finance and Quality – Greg Trollan, Office Director, OMH
- MCE Contractual obligations for Consumer Engagement

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/ensuring-access-medicaid-services-final-rule-cms-2442-f>

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicaid-and-childrens-health-insurance-program-managed-care-access-finance-and-quality-final-rule>

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/Utah%20Managed%20Care%20Quality%20Strategy%202021.pdf>

<https://healthcarestats.utah.gov/publications/cahps-chip/#health-plan-rating>

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/managed-care/downloads/applicability-date-chart-mc.pdf>

## Questions:

Andrew Riggie asked are there examples of state directed payments. How will they be impacted?

Greg Trollan mentioned that we have hospital assessment directed payments as well as 5% supplemental payment increase to HCBS and behavioral health providers which was provided through ARPA and is a time limited.

## SPA's Rules:

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

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

## Notices Committee Reports:

Daryl Herrschaft gave an update.

## Committee Member Updates:

Stephanie Burdic mentioned that there was an issue that was raised at the Dental Care, St. George event. There is a Dental survey that was put together by the dental health coalition. It will help to get an adequate look at how we are meeting the needs of dental and oral healthcare for our members.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF04YFcZ81gaym1EYpbYg30Fz1BCgnVMfHjivdo2leoJXYg/viewform>

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Disenrollment of members receiving billing from providers. Michael Hales mentioned this will be added to the next meeting agenda.

## FY2026 Budget Recommendations Voting Results:

Sharon Steigerwalt gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/MCAC FY2026 Budget Recommendations Final Votes June 20 2024.pdf>

## Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 4:04pm. Rachel Craig made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim Dansie seconded that motion. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug 15, 2024, at 2:00-4:00 p.m.