



Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting
May 14, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendance

Members Present:

Ann Kay Cefalu Logarbo, MD, FAAP – *Aetna*
Cheryll Bowers-Stephens, MD, MBA – *Healthy Blue*
Damien Cuffie, DDS, MPH – *DentaQuest*
Floyd Roberts, Jr., MD – *Louisiana Hospital Association*
Gerrelda Davis, MBA – *Louisiana Primary Care Association*
Glenda Johnson, MD – *United Healthcare Community*
Joe R. Rosier, Jr., CFA – *The Rapides Foundation*
John Vanchiere, MD – *Physicians-Shreveport*
Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD – *University of Louisiana Monroe*
Michael Bodin, MD – *LOL Physicians Group*
Michael Giorlando, DDS – *MCNA*
Rodney Wise, MD – *AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana*
Shantel Hebert-Magee, MD, MPH – *Louisiana Medicaid Chief Medical Officer*
Shelly Gupta, MD – *Humana*
Steve B. Spedale, MD, FAAP – *Infamedics*
Yvonne Domingue, MS, RN – *Department of Children and Family Services*

Members Absent

Annelies De Wulf, MD, MPH, FAIM – *LSU Health Sciences*
David M. Carter, DMD – *Smiles Family Dentistry Orthodontics*
Eboness Black – *Volunteers of America*
James Hussey, MD – *Louisiana Department of Health*
Jamie Duplechine - *Advocate*
Joseph Biggio, Jr., MD, MS - *Ochsner*
Justin Bennet FNP-BC – *Rural Health Nursing*
Mark Keiser, MBA, MPH – *Access Health Louisiana*
Rep. Stephanie Berault – *Louisiana House of Representatives*
Senator Regina Barrow – *Louisiana State Senate*
Tonya Joiner – *Louisiana Department of Health*
Wes Hataway – *Louisiana Nursing Home Association*



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hebert-Magee.

Welcome and Roll Call

Dr. Shantel Hebert-Magee welcomed members.

Roll call was conducted by Ingrid Fields, confirming a quorum.

Medicaid Program Updates

Medicaid Executive Director Kim Sullivan provided Medicaid program updates.

Medicaid Unwind Update:

- Unwind is nearly complete, final closures by 5/31/24. Closure data is available [online](#).
- Discussed statistics on renewal packets, closures, and churn; details available [online](#).
- Quarterly wage checks resumed; letters sent on 5/20/24. Non-responders' enrollment ends 6/30/24.

Pharmacy Update:

- Effective 7/1/24, both brand and generic drugs will be preferred. Prescribing providers should note "brand name necessary" on any prescription that should be filled with the brand name drug.

Medicaid Medical Director Updates

February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

- Reviewed by Dr. Hebert-Magee.
- Approved unanimously after motion by Dr. Steven Spedale and seconded by Gerrelda Davis.

CMS Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule:

- Reviewed by Dr. Hebert-Magee; effective 7/9/2024.
- Changes affecting the committee:
 - The committee name will be changing from the current Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) to Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC).
 - Creation of Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) by 7/9/2025.
 - MAC to include BAC members: 10% by 7/9/2026, 20% by 7/9/2027, and 25% by 7/9/2028.
 - Annual report summarizing the MAC and BAC activities must be published by 7/9/2025.

Other Discussion:

- Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo raised concerns about frequent out-of-state ED visits by some Aetna members. Kim Sullivan and Dr. Herbert-Magee will investigate and report back to Dr. Logarbo.



Presentations

Breast Pump Access:

- Dr. Omotola Uwaifo presented on breast pump access and sought committee feedback on connecting patients with Medicaid covered breast pumps.
- Discussion included prescription practices, timeliness, sources, access issues, and pump types for different populations.
- Dr. John Vanchiere motioned for further research to be conducted by the Pediatric and Neonatal Subcommittees. Motion seconded by Dr. Logarbo and passed unanimously.

Improving Outcomes for Infants with Biliary Atresia:

- Dr. Ryan Himes presented on improving outcomes through universal newborn screening, highlighting pathology, costs, and benefits of early screening. Presentation available [online](#).
- Discussion on state practices and increasing early screening in Louisiana.
- Dr. Steven Spedale motioned for him and Dr. Himes to meet with the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) on this issue and report back to the committee. Motion seconded by Dr. Vanchiere and passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Updates

- *Adult Medicine*: Dr. Michael Bodin, Chair announced the first meeting will be held later this month.
- *Behavioral Health*: No updates.
- *Dental*: Dr. Hebert Magee, on behalf of Dr. Nicholas Mosca, Chair, reported that the subcommittee will be reviewing provider manual language to identify any discrepancies between the two dental plans.
- *Emergency Medicine*: Dr. Hebert Magee, on behalf of Dr. Annelies De Wulf, Chair, reported that the committee is exploring how to mitigate and prevent this violence through hospital-based violence prevention.
- *Neonatology*: No updates provided.
- *Obstetrics*: No updates provided.
- *Pediatrics*: Dr. John Vanchiere, Chair, reported that the committee plans to meet in early June. The committee will be working on an STI testing proposal in partnership with LSU Shreveport. A proposal will be submitted to CMS for enhanced funding.
- *Laboratory Medicine and Test Utilization*: Dr. Herbert-Magee, Chair, reported that the committee will be discussing radiopharmaceuticals at a future meeting. She also reported on the use of PET imaging for prostate cancer.



Open Forum

- Dr. Vanchiere asked if the draft Bylaws changes can be presented to the committee at the next meeting. Dr. Hebert-Magee stated that the revisions will be distributed once guidance is finalized from CMS.
- Kathleen Murphy stated there is an active Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) period for the Public University Partnership Program (PUPP). Letters of intent from researchers must be submitted by 6/17/24.

Adjourn

Dr. Vanchiere made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Michael Giorlando seconded. Meeting adjourned.