



**Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 13, 2024  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Attendance**

**Members Present:**

Justin Bennett FNP-BC – *Rural Health Nursing*  
Michael Bodin, MD – *LOLOL Physicians Group*  
Cheryll Bowers-Stephens, MD, MBA – *Healthy Blue*  
Yvonne Domingue, MS, RN – *Department of Children and Family Services*  
Michael Giorlando, DDS - *MCNA*  
Stewart T. Gordon, MD – *Louisiana Healthcare Connections*  
Shelly Gupta, MD - *Humana*  
Wes Hataway – *Louisiana Nursing Home Association*  
Shantel Hebert-Magee, MD, MPH – *LDH Medicaid*  
Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD – *University of Louisiana Monroe*  
Glenda Johnson, MD – *United Healthcare*  
Ann Kay Logarbo, MD - *Aetna*  
Rodney Wise, MD – *AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana*

**Members Via Zoom:**

Joseph Biggio Jr., MD, MS – *Ochsner*  
Gerrelda Davis, MBA – *Louisiana Primary Care 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 Kate Stewart, confirming that a quorum was not present.

## Medicaid Program Updates

LDH Medicaid Deputy Director of Quality Improvement, Population Health and Health Equity, Pharmacy and Program Operations provided Medicaid program updates:

- Recent Leadership changes for LDH.
  - Dr. Ralph Abraham is now our Surgeon General
  - Michael Harrington is our Secretary
  - Dr. Pete Croughan remains our Deputy Secretary
  - And Drew Maranto is the Undersecretary
- Our Medicaid Director reports directly to the Secretary.
- Jackie Cummings is the new contact for Third Party Liability
  
- **RFPs**
  - Began the process of drafting a new request for proposals (RFP) for our Managed Care Companies. Our goal is to begin new MCO contracts effective July 1, 2026.
  - Also, drafting a new RFP for Dental Benefits Managers. The goal to go live for new dental contracts is January 2026.
  - Lastly, a third RFP in progress is the Supplemental rebate RFP.

- ***TMaH Model***
  - Medicaid is working with the Office of Public Health and the Office of Women’s Health and Community Health to complete the application for the CMS Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model.
  - If Louisiana is selected as a participant, then this would allow the state to use federal grant funding to review and implement improvements to maternal health care for our residents.
  
- ***Cell and Gene Therapy***
  - Medicaid has submitted a letter of intent to CMS to participate in the Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Access Model.
  - This model aims to improve health outcomes for people with Medicaid living with rare and severe diseases by increasing their access to potentially transformative treatments.
  
- ***Pharmacy PDL***
  - Effective July 1, there was a change to our Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List.
  - The previous PDL indicated a preference of some brand name drugs over generic drugs.
  - The revised PDL gives preferred status to both brand and generic versions of these drugs.
  - With the implementation of the new PDL, prescribing providers must note “brand name necessary” on any prescription where they want to ensure pharmacies fill their prescriptions with a brand name drug. If this notation is absent, individual pharmacists will make the decision on whether to fill the prescription with brand or generic drugs.
  
- ***CMS Rules***
  - We are in the process of implementing new CMS rules.
    - Will phase-in to reach 25% of the BAC - MAC to serve as the HCBS advisory committee

- There is the Managed Care Final Rule
- And the Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule

### **Medicaid Medical Director Updates**

- Did not review nor approve May 14, 2024 meeting minutes or review “revised by-laws” (**no quorum**)
- **HR246 – Representative Mandie Landry - State Legislation to create a Community- Based Social Services Committee - request the LDH through MAC to study ways for Medicaid to invest in community-based social service organization (CBO) that address health-related social needs (HRSN) and social determinants of health (SDOH).**
  - *To add an additional subcommittee would require a subcommittee chair who would be responsible for recruiting subcommittee members and SMEs to research and evaluate the different 1115 waivers*
    - *New subcommittee to evaluate whole person health and focus on nonclinical health factors – **Nick Albares – Chair***
- **PUPP Quarterly Report**

### **Presentation**

1115 Reentry Demonstration Public Hearings - (*Milliman*)

**Information only presentation** – recorded and reviewed as part of the waiver process. Public comments and questions will be addressed in the **Final Waiver submission to CMS**.

Proper notification was established for public participation including a Zoom link and call-in information for the August 13, 2024 MCAC meeting.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

No major report outs

**Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned.