

Medicaid Quality Committee Reorganization

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Proposals to Amend Bylaws

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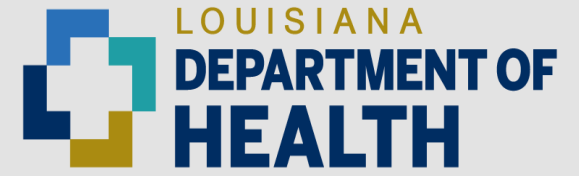
Background and Purpose

- Louisiana Medicaid maintains the Quality Committee as required under 42 CFR § 431.12
- The purpose of re-focusing and re-organizing the Committee is to build engagement with providers
- Based on state/federal regulations and feedback from Committee members and others

Process

- Walk through the proposed changes today

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws



Rename
Committee

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Scope/Charge

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Mission/Vision

- The Committee is more than quality/clinical quality measures
- It must provide broad medical advice on all aspects of the program (42 CFR § 431.12) as well as review of some specific areas:
 - Review of MCO marketing materials (42 CFR § 438.104)
 - Review of fee-for-service access to care monitoring plans (42 CFR 447.203)
 - Review of changes to managed care quality rating strategies (42 CFR 438.334)
 - Review of managed care plan assessments (42 CFR 438.66)

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Mission/Vision

- Proposal: Rename Quality Committee the “Medical Care Advisory Committee” (MCAC)
- Proposal: Redevelop the Mission/Vision statement to be broader and allow for the Committee to advise on all medical/clinical aspects of the Medicaid Program
- Proposal: Develop and implement systems for the Committee to review all materials as specified in federal regulations (much of this is currently done informally)

Officers

- The Bylaws specify the following officers:
 - Chair (Medicaid Chief Medical Officer)
 - Vice Chair: elected from the Committee, to fill in for the Chair when absent and “other duties as assigned”
 - Secretary: elected from the Committee, to take notes and prepare meeting minutes and materials

Officers

- Proposal: There shall be (2) officers of the Committee.
- The Chairperson shall be the Louisiana Medicaid Chief Medical Officer
- The Vice-chairperson shall be the Louisiana Medicaid Associate Medical Officer
- Proposal: Eliminate the Secretary position. LDH staff currently fulfill these functions.

Membership

- The LDH Secretary currently is responsible for approving all members
- Two positions have been chronically vacant:
 - Department of Corrections Medical Director
 - LA Developmental Disabilities Council
- Individuals representing two key perspectives are active, but not listed in the bylaws
 - Public Health
 - Health Equity

Membership

- Proposal: Make the Medicaid Director the appointing authority for members
- Proposal: Contact DOC and the DD Council to determine if they would like to continue serving. If not, remove from bylaws.
- Proposal: Add the following members to the bylaws:
 - Assistant Secretary of the Office of Public Health, or designee
 - LDH Bureau of Community Partnerships and Health Equity
 - Administrator of the state's Social Security ACT Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

Vacancies and Onboarding

- There are vacancies listed in the bylaws that need to be filled:
 - Acute Care Hospital
 - Medicaid beneficiaries
 - Consumer group
- The Committee values diversity of sex/gender, race/ethnicity, geography, specialty, experience, and role in the health care system

Vacancies and Onboarding

- Proposal: Recruit for vacancies with an eye toward diversity
- Proposal: Revise and strengthen an onboarding process for new members (already provided in the Bylaws)
- Proposal: Partner with the Bureau of Community Partnerships and Health Equity to support Medicaid member and community group representation

LDH Diversity & Inclusion Statement

- The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) characterizes diversity as representing the differences and similarities of all of us that include, for example, individual characteristics (e.g., disability, age, education level, poverty status, rural/urban setting, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation), values, beliefs, experiences and backgrounds. LDH also characterizes inclusion as creating a work environment in which all individuals are treated fairly and respectfully, have equal access to opportunities and resources, and can contribute fully to the work of our agency. This is inclusive of LDH also building its capacity to create, support and/ or fund (i.e., via programming projects and contracts) efforts that do not discriminate against people, populations, and/or communities due to disability, age, education level, poverty status, rural/urban setting, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. LDH believes that diversity and inclusion aid in more equitably achieving its mission – “...protect and promote health and to ensure access to medical, preventive and rehabilitative services for citizens of the State of Louisiana”.

Member Feedback and Proposals

- LA Medicaid values feedback and recommendations from Committee members
- Committee and Subcommittee members often have important issues or ideas that merit discussion, there is not always adequate space during meeting agendas
- Currently, most of the discussion topics come from LDH

Member Feedback and Proposals

- Proposal: Encourage/empower Committee members to propose topics for discussion
- Proposal: Include a standing agenda item where Committee members or Subcommittee Chairs can present their recommendations to the Medicaid Program.
- Proposal: Encourage Subcommittees to initiate discussions on relevant topics

Clinical Subcommittees

- Currently there are **7** Standing Clinical Subcommittees
 - Adult Medicine
 - Behavioral Health
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Neonatology
 - Obstetrics/Maternal Fetal Medicine
 - Pediatrics
 - Dental
- Consider adding a Laboratory Medicine and Test Utilization subcommittee

Voting

- Proposal: The committee shall allow for public comment prior to voting on any action item.
- Proposal: Remove a copy of proposed amendments shall be sent to committee members 2 weeks prior.

Questions/
Comments?