



**Medical Care Advisory Committee
Meeting November 14, 2023
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Attendance

Members Present:

Ann Kay Cefalu Logarbo, MD, FAAP – *Aetna*
Annelies De Wulf, MD, MPH, FAIM – *LSU Health Sciences*
Cheryll Bowers-Stephens, MD, MBA – *LSU Health Sciences*
Damien Cuffie, DDS, MPH – *DentaQuest*
Doris Gray Brown, MEd, MS, APRN, CNS – *Office of Public Health*
Gerrelda Davis, MBA – *Louisiana Primary Care Association*
Glenda Johnson, MD – *United Healthcare Community*
James Hussy, MD – *Office of Behavioral Health*
Jamie Duplechine - *Advocate*
Joe R. Rosier, Jr., CFA – *The Rapides Foundation*
John Vanchiere, MD – *Physicians-Shreveport*
Justin Bennet FNP-BC – *Rural Health Nursing*
Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD – *University of Louisiana Monroe*
Michael Bodin, MD – *OLOL 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*
Stewart T. Gordon, MD, FAAP – *Louisiana Healthcare Connections*
Wes Hataway – *Louisiana Nursing Home Association*

Members Absent

David M. Carter, DMD – *Smiles Family Dentistry Orthodontics*
Eboness Black – *Volunteers of America*
Floyd Roberts, Jr., MD – *Louisiana Hospital Association*
Joseph Biggio, Jr., MD, MS - *Ochsner*
Mark Keiser, MBA, MPH – *Access Health Louisiana*
Rep. Robert “Bob” Owen – *Louisiana House of Representative*
Senator Regina Barrow – *Louisiana State Senate*
Wes Hataway – *Louisiana Nursing Home Association*
Yvonne Domingue, MS, RN – *Department of Children and Family Services*



Call to Order

The MCAC was called to order at 1:07 PM by Dr. Hebert-Magee.

Welcome and Roll Call

Dr. Hebert-Magee welcomed members and discussed some housekeeping rules.

Roll call was conducted by Kate Stewart. A quorum was confirmed.

Medicaid Program Updates

Kolynda Parker provided Medicaid program updates.

- Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)
 - On October 28, 2023, LDH had a successful go live with the single PBM. The Medicaid team has been meeting with Magellan twice a day since the go live and will continue to do so for 30 days, which thereafter time may be reduced.
 - Over 1 million claims have been processed since go live.
 - If providers and members need assistance, there is a 24/7 helpline. A [Pharmacy Facts](#) document is provided assist with any questions, concerns or issues.
 - We have received positive feedback that Magellan has worked with providers and members and solved issues quickly.
- Medicaid Open Enrollment
 - At the time of the meeting, there were two weeks left for members to participate in open enrollment.
 - Visit myplan.healthy@la.gov to look at comparison charts and plans. Open enrollment closed November 30 at 6:00 PM.
- Medicaid Leadership Updates
 - The transition of Kim Sullivan as Interim Medicaid Director has been smooth. Anything that needs to be brought to the director, you can email her at Kimberly.Sullivan@la.gov.
 - Preparation is occurring for a new secretary. The new secretary is currently unknown.
 - Steve Russo will be retiring at the end of the year.
- Medicaid Unwind
 - We are still in the unwind period. Unwind data can be found online [here](#). You can find any statistics that you'd like to review. Members can text INFO to 72417 if they have any questions.

Medicaid Medical Director Updates

- **Review and Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2023 – Dr. Shantel Hebert-Magee**

Minute Correction Needed: Add Dr. Michael Giorlando in the present column for the meeting attendance on August 15, 2023.



Dr. John Vanchiere motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Dr. Michael Giorlando seconded. The minutes and changes were approved with no opposition.

- Dr. Hebert-Magee reminded committee members about the rule of absences according to the bylaws.

Subcommittee Updates

- Dr. Hebert-Magee stated that there have been some obstacles chairs are running into while trying to reconstitute their subcommittee. She recommended that the chairs should start small in their subcommittees, so those who are participating feel like their voice is being heard.
- *Emergency Medicine*
 - Dr. Annelies De Wulf reported that some priorities have been identified including substance abuse disorder, pediatric emergency care in rural areas, and violence prevention programs.
- *Pediatrics*
 - Dr. John Vanchiere reported that he has identified four new members and looking at three more to come on board.
- Chairs have also offered their expertise and evidence based approached in multiple areas such as the PUPP application process.

Wins

- Gains
 - All Medicaid MCAC Subcommittees have been reconstituted.
 - Congenital Syphilis is new PIP starting 2024.
 - Proposed Benchmarks and Metrics for the Maternity Health Pilot.
 - Emergency Department Pediatric Surge
 - If a member is having trouble with having their child seen because they are on a different health plan, then they can reach out to the enrollment team to ensure the family is on one health plan to prevent improper ED utilization.
 - Critically reviewed PUPP Applications.
 - Unwind process has been steady.
 - Cervical Cancer screening webinar was attended.
- Goals
 - Dr. Hebert-Magee shared that a [JAMA article](#) about how community health workers visiting homes led to reduction in preterm birth, maternal care, and disparities among Medicaid beneficiaries.
 - This article underlines the importance of community health workers, and ways they can be used. This can be cost effective and improve health of Medicaid enrollees.
 - Ways to better engage with Medicaid enrollees.



- Potential Medicaid newsletter that targets Medicaid enrollees that speak in a language that resonates with them.
- Guidelines
 - Positron emission tomography (PET) has been approved for cancer conditions but Medicaid guidelines for PEP have not been updated since 2018.
 - If there is something out of date, please let us know so we can make sure our guidelines are current and not a barrier to patient care.
 - A number of therapies coming to market soon which have a high price tag. Any feedback from subcommittees regarding utilization would be very helpful.
 - Existing guidelines are not being adhered to. How do we perfect the ones that are in place?

Incentive Measures and Measurement Year 2023 Targets

- There will be no changes for 2024.

Attachment H

- Three measures were retired by NCQA but incentivized measures will stay the same.
- Retired Measures by NCQA:
 - Inpatient Utilization – General Hospitalization/Acute Care (IPU)
 - Ambulatory Care
 - Non-recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females
- Removed measure Oral Evaluation in Dental Services measure but it will be added to dental plans as a measure.
- Added a total of three measures. The measures will be monitored only and not incentivized. These have been added to Attachment H so that we can receive the data.
 - Follow Up After High Intensity Care For Substance Use Disorder
 - Antibiotic Utilization for Respiratory Conditions
 - Appropriate testing for Pharyngitis
- There are no changes in technical specs so rates should not be impacted.

Presentation

Kathleen Murphy (Louisiana Department of Health, PUPP Lead) provided a presentation on the Public University Partnership Program (PUPP). The presentation can be found [here](#). Topics discussed included:

- Value and Benefits to Medicaid and the Universities
- Identifying Projects
- Program Funding
- PUPP Milestones
- University Research
- Expected Louisiana Medicaid Impact

Open Forum

Biomarkers



Dr. Hebert-Magee stated that she has received several requests from constituents and members regarding biomarkers.

- Biomarkers are covered through Title 22, however, Title 22 does not apply to Medicaid. Medicaid is Title 46.
- At present, there is no legislation for Medicaid to provide biomarkers.
- Dr. Hebert Magee inquired if committee members have been engaged in conversation with enrollees about wanting biomarkers.
- Dr. Vanchiere stated that adopting a different standard of what would be useful based on what's known is needed. States that prior authorization would be helpful.

Fee Schedule

- Dr. Vanchiere stated there hasn't been a significant increase in the Medicaid fee schedule and discusses the impact of this.
- Dr. Hebert Magee stated that the fee schedule for providers is reviewed every three years. Recommendations are made and sent to the Secretary. It is a matter of whether or not there is funding to support it. She assures the members that it doesn't fall on deaf ears.
- Discussion is had on the importance of advocacy.

Adjourn

Dr. Steven Spedale motioned to adjourn meeting and motioned seconded by Doris Brown. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ***February 20, 2024***
- ***May 14, 2024***
- ***August 13, 2024***
- ***November 12, 2024***