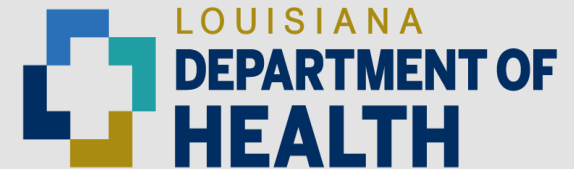


Medical Advisory Committee Reorganization

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Proposals to Amend Bylaws

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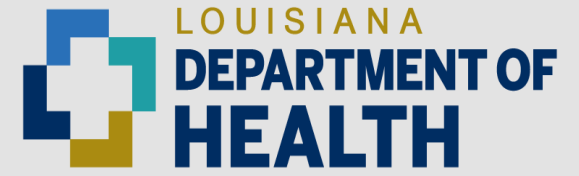
Background and Purpose

- 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
- Will send proposed changes to the bylaws out to Committee for feedback and edits/suggestions
- Plan to vote on bylaw changes at the November 2020 meeting
- (No decisions being made 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)

Rename
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Mission/Vision

- Proposal: Rename Quality Committee the “Medical Advisory Committee”
- 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 (Medical Director)
 - 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: Eliminate the Vice Chair position. The Chair will select a designee to facilitate the Committee meetings in case of absence, if needed.
- (Alternative: Keep the Vice Chair and reassign duties.)
- 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 Office of Community Partnerships and Health Equity

Vacancies and Onboarding

- There are several vacancies of positions listed in the bylaws that need to be filled:
 - Dentist
 - Emergency Physician
 - Non-physician Provider
 - Members of consumer groups, including Medicaid beneficiaries, and consumer organizations
- The Committee values diversity of sex/gender, race/ethnicity, geography, specialty, experience, and role in the health care system
- There is no systematic nomination process for new members

Vacancies and Onboarding

- Proposal: Strengthen the diversity and inclusion statement in the bylaws
- Proposal: Develop and implement a nomination process and website to collect relevant information systematically from nominees
- 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 Office of Community Partnerships and Health Equity to support Medicaid member and community group representation

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

Questions/
Comments?