Medical Advisory Committee Reorganization

Proposals to Amend Bylaws

August 21, 2020
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
• 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)
• 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)
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
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.
• 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
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
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
• 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?