

# Medicaid Quality Committee Reorganization

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## Proposals to Amend Bylaws

May 19, 2023



## 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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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)

## Scope/Charge

- 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)

## Scope/Charge Continued

- 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:
  - Monitoring ongoing metrics and ensuring findings are reported on a regularly scheduled basis (quarterly or annually);
  - Ensuring key quality initiatives are identified to align with regulatory and business requirements;
  - Overseeing quality improvement projects and ensuring coordination and integration of the quality improvement activities;
  - Reviewing performance results and providing feedback and recommendations to the MCO action plans; and
  - Participating in the evaluation of the Medicaid Quality Program by evaluating the quality, continuity, accessibility, and availability of the medical care rendered within Louisiana.

# Current Bylaws ~ Membership

- The LDH Secretary currently is responsible for approving all members
- Individuals representing two key perspectives are active, but not listed in the bylaws
  - Public Health
  - Health Equity



# Proposed Change ~ Membership

- Proposal: Make the Medicaid Director the appointing authority for members
- Proposal: Add the following members to the bylaws:
  - Assistant Secretary of the Office of Public Health, or designee
  - Member of (1) consumer group
  - One Medicaid beneficiary

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One member each from the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives, appointed by the Chairperson of the respective Health and Welfare Committees, with the appointee preferably a member of the respective Health and Welfare Committees

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- Each member would serve as honorary members of the Committee

# Current Bylaws ~ 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

# Proposed Change ~ 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.

# 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

# Vacancies and Onboarding

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

## 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

# 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?



# Medical Care Advisory Committee Survey Results

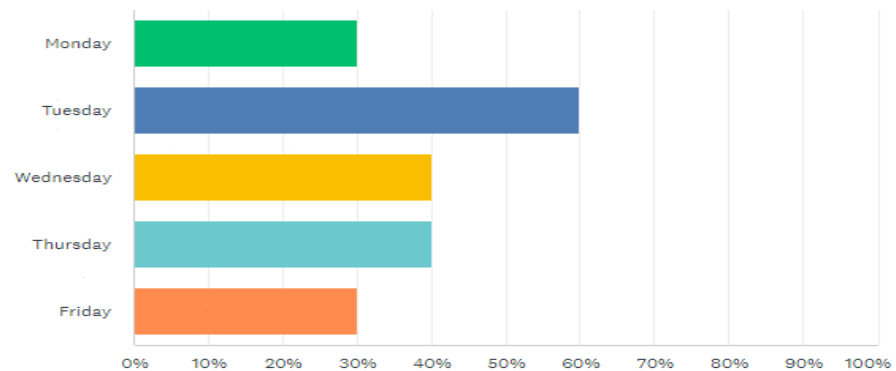
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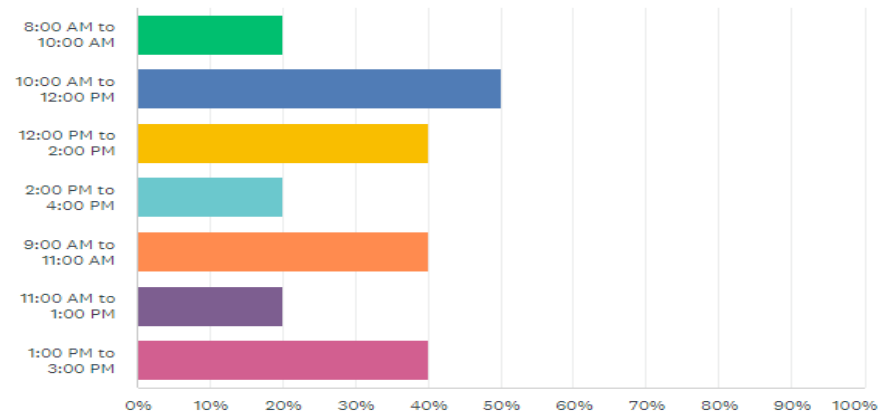
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Monday	30.00% 3
Tuesday	60.00% 6
Wednesday	40.00% 4
Thursday	40.00% 4
Friday	30.00% 3
Total Respondents: 10	



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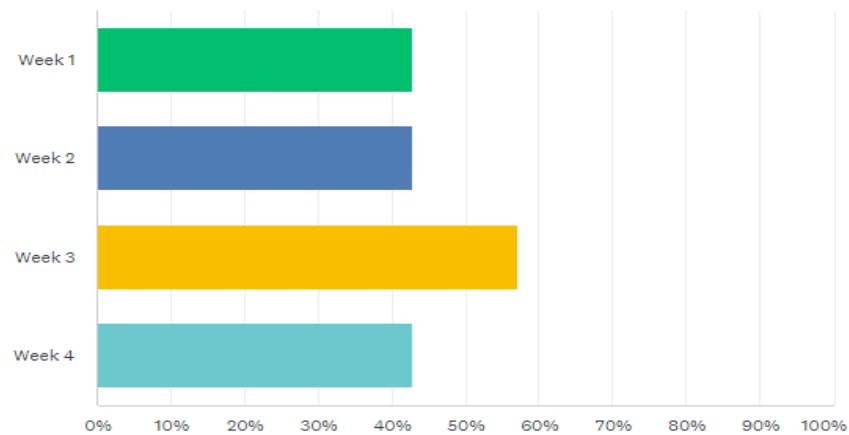


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8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	20.00% 2
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	50.00% 5
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM	40.00% 4
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	20.00% 2
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	40.00% 4
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	20.00% 2
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	40.00% 4
Total Respondents: 10	

Do you have a preference for which week of the month the meetings are held?

Do you have a preference for which week of the month the meetings are held? If so, please select all that apply.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Week 1	42.86% 3
Week 2	42.86% 3
Week 3	57.14% 4
Week 4	42.86% 3
Total Respondents: 7	