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LOUISIANA MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Introduction

The purpose of the State Medical Care Advisory Committee of the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals is to improve and maintain the quality of the State's Medical Assistance Program by:

- A. Contributing specialized knowledge and experience to be added to that available within the Medical Assistance Program, and
- B. Providing a two-way channel of communication with the individuals, organizations and institutions in the community that, with Department of Health and Hospitals, receive, provide, and/or pay for medical care and services.

This shall not be a policy making board. The Committee's functions are advisory only.

Authorization

The Medical Care Advisory Committee is established in accordance with Federal and State statutes and program policies promulgated for the guidance of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

- A. Social Security Act as amended, Section 1902 (a) 4 and (a) (22).
- B. Section 431.12, Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.
- C. Appropriate State authorization including:
 1. R.S. 36:4 et al.
 2. Governor's Executive Order dated June 30, 1989 directing the transfer of all functions and responsibilities of the Department of Health and Human Resources to the Departments of Health and Hospitals and Social Services in accordance with Act 1 of 1988.
 3. Louisiana's State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Committee Composition

The committee shall be comprised of a minimum of twenty-five (25) active members, including four (4) state legislators (two (2) senators and two (2) representatives) who are appointed by the Secretary of the DHH. This number shall be exceeded should the Secretary choose to appoint additional members.

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The State Medical Care Advisory Committee is to be interdisciplinary and will include representatives of the public and of the consumer. It is expected to be a knowledgeable group, dedicated to the delivery of high quality, purposefully planned medical services to the poor. The Medical Care Advisory Committee will include:

- A. Board certified physicians and other representatives of the health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low income population groups and with the resources available and required for their care.
- B. Members of consumers' groups, including Title XIX recipients, and consumer organizations.
- C. Secretary of the Department of Social Services or his/her designee.

Membership

The membership of the Committee shall include an appropriate mix of consumers, consumer advocates, and providers. The Department of Health and Hospitals will endeavor to assure a statewide representation.

In the event that the total membership should fall below the minimum of twenty five (25) persons, the Chairman of the Committee shall submit to the Secretary of DHH a list of one or more names for appointment to the Committee.

The Committee shall not recommend to the Secretary for membership on the Committee employees from the Single State Agency or any other authority by which the Committee is mandated.

Term of Office

Members shall be appointed on a rotating basis for three (3) year periods with overlapping terms for continuity. Initially, appointments shall be made for one, two, and three year terms to provide for planned rotation.

Vacancies

Vacancies will be filled by the Secretary within thirty (30) days of the date a vacancy occurs.

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Geographic Distribution

The committee members are selected from all areas of the state.

Committee Support

The committee will be provided such staff support from within the agency and such independent technical assistance as are needed to enable it to make effective recommendations. Financial arrangements will be made to make it possible for the participation of the members in committee work. Normal state reimbursements procedure and policies will apply.

Meetings

Regularly scheduled quarterly meetings will be held. The date and time shall be determined by the Chairman of the Committee. Special called meetings may be held at:

- A. The discretion of the Secretary, DHH.
- B. The discretion of the Chairman.

Governance of the Committee

The committee shall develop its own rules of order. such rules shall:

- A. Have the concurrence of the Secretary of the DHH.
- B. Be in conformity with Louisiana statutes governing state agency established committees.

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