



# Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee

August 22, 2023

Meeting Slides


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Our [June Medicaid Provider Newsletter](#) was sent out in a different format using GovDelivery.

- Article teasers
- Call to action buttons for each article
- Articles are all housed on one landing page that is accessible and easy to search
- Data collection through GovDelivery allows us to see what articles providers are interested in and better tailor our communications

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 <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/provider>



# Stay in the loop!



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# Poll time!

What did you think of the new Provider Newsletter format? (June 2023 edition)

3.5



14 responses



# Updated Policy Manuals – July 2023

Updated manuals online

- General Information for Providers,
- Behavioral Health Services Provider, and
- Dental Provider (along with some new stand alone dental policies reflecting legislative changes)

Click the hashtag for the Provider webpage

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/provider/manuals-and-guidelines>



# Hot off the press

There is now a place on ND Medicaid's website to find school-based information!



## Medicaid School-Based Care

ND Medicaid provides coverage for qualifying students in a school setting.

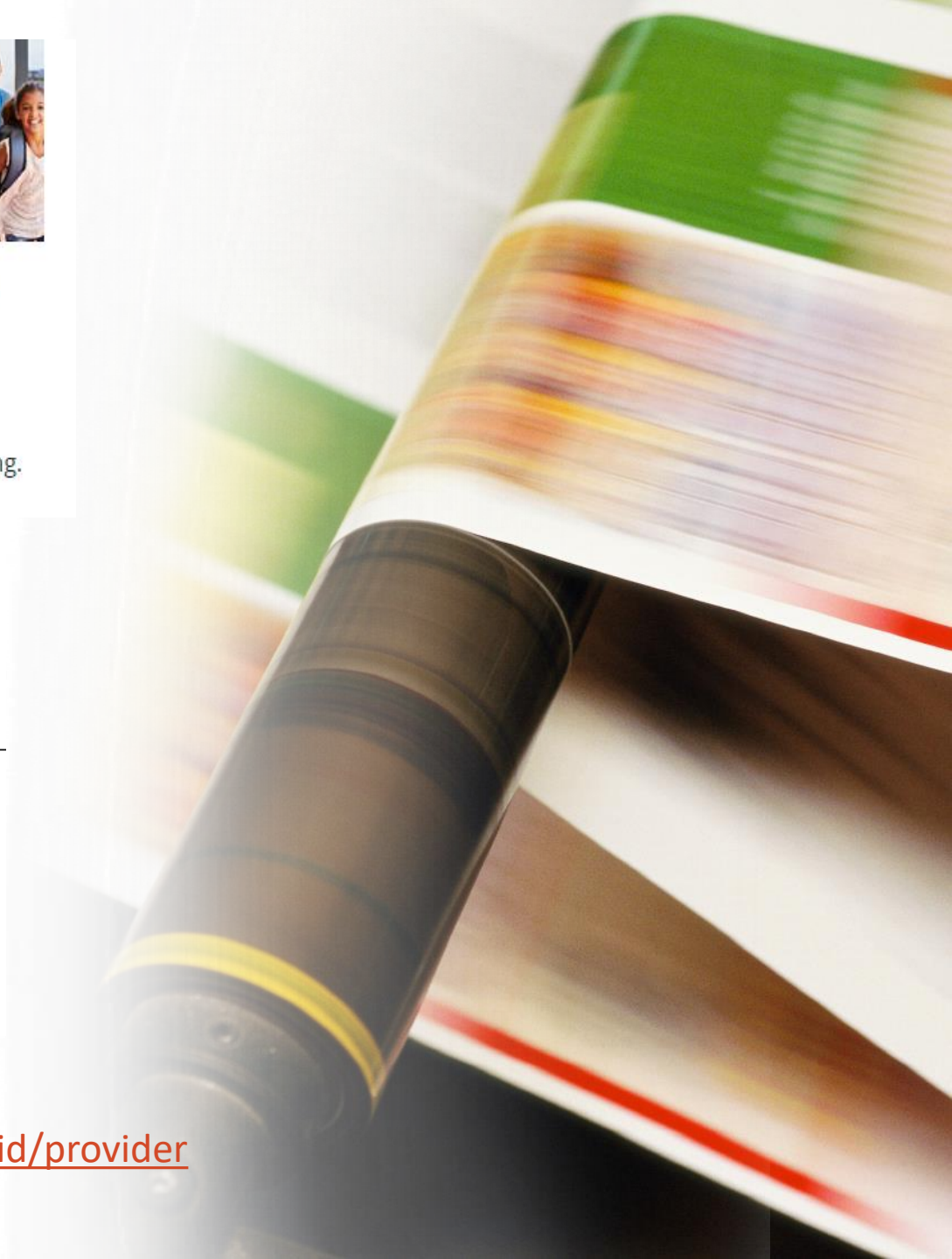
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## Medicaid School-Based Care

We are excited to partner with North Dakota schools to provide Medicaid coverage to qualifying students in a school setting.

These services are for all Medicaid-eligible students whether they have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or not.

Many students are already receiving these services in schools. Billing Medicaid brings money back to your school so it can be used in other ways to benefit the health and well-being of your student body.



# ND Medicaid School-Based training resources

- On the Provider [Education and Training webpage](#)
- Under Children's Services
  - School Medicaid Webinar series (June, August)
    - Webinar recording(s)
    - Presentation(s)
    - Next session – 1915(i) is September 28<sup>th</sup>, register [here](#)





# Community Health Worker **UPDATE**

HHS has selected APT Solutions as the Community Health Worker Task Force facilitator.

Work will begin seating Task Force members in the near future.





# **MMAC Charter Discussion**



# CMS Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services proposed rule **UPDATE**

- Full rule [here](#). Public comments closed 7/3.

Waiting to hear if rule will be amended or made final and for a compliance timeframe.



# Charter workgroup changes high level overview

## Article I – Purpose

- Some changes to the MMAC purpose language clarifying MMAC's role in reviewing and discussing changes and policies in its advisory capacity
- Added time for the review of Medicaid legislative proposals leading into a legislative session

## Article II – Composition

- Keep 25 members and clarify what kind of experience makes someone a likely candidate
- Require no less than 5 members be Medicaid beneficiaries as defined in the Charter
- Ensure broad representation by having at least one member from designated categories
- Describe types of entities that may be represented
- Reduce legislative representation from 4 to 2



# Charter workgroup changes high level overview, cont'd

## Article II – Composition, cont'd

### *Responsibilities*

- Keeping requirement to notify if members are going to be absent
- Clarifying that no member or designee can speak publicly on behalf of MMAC without permission

### *Term Limits*

- Reducing term length from 4 to 3 years
- Staggering appointments
- Members may apply for reappointment

### *Vacancies*

- Adding detail to the process of seeking appointment, will still be done via email

# Charter workgroup changes high level overview, cont'd

## Article III

- Suggested for removal because of duplication with Article II selection process

## New Article III (former IV) – Meetings

- Changed language from DHS to HHS (this happened throughout the Charter)

## New Article IV (former V) – Subcommittees

- Minor language change

## New Article V (former VI) – Review of Charter

- Changed timeframe for review from at least every other year to the July preceding a regular legislative session





# Thank you Charter Workgroup members!

Courtney Koebele, Senator Lee, Senator Mathern, and Janelle Moos met 3 times in just 1 month to hammer out these suggested changes.

# MMAC Charter next steps?

Motion to amend the Charter as presented?

Discussion of additional changes/amendments?

Motion to amend Charter as modified?

Other?



# MMAC Onboarding and Exit Survey ??

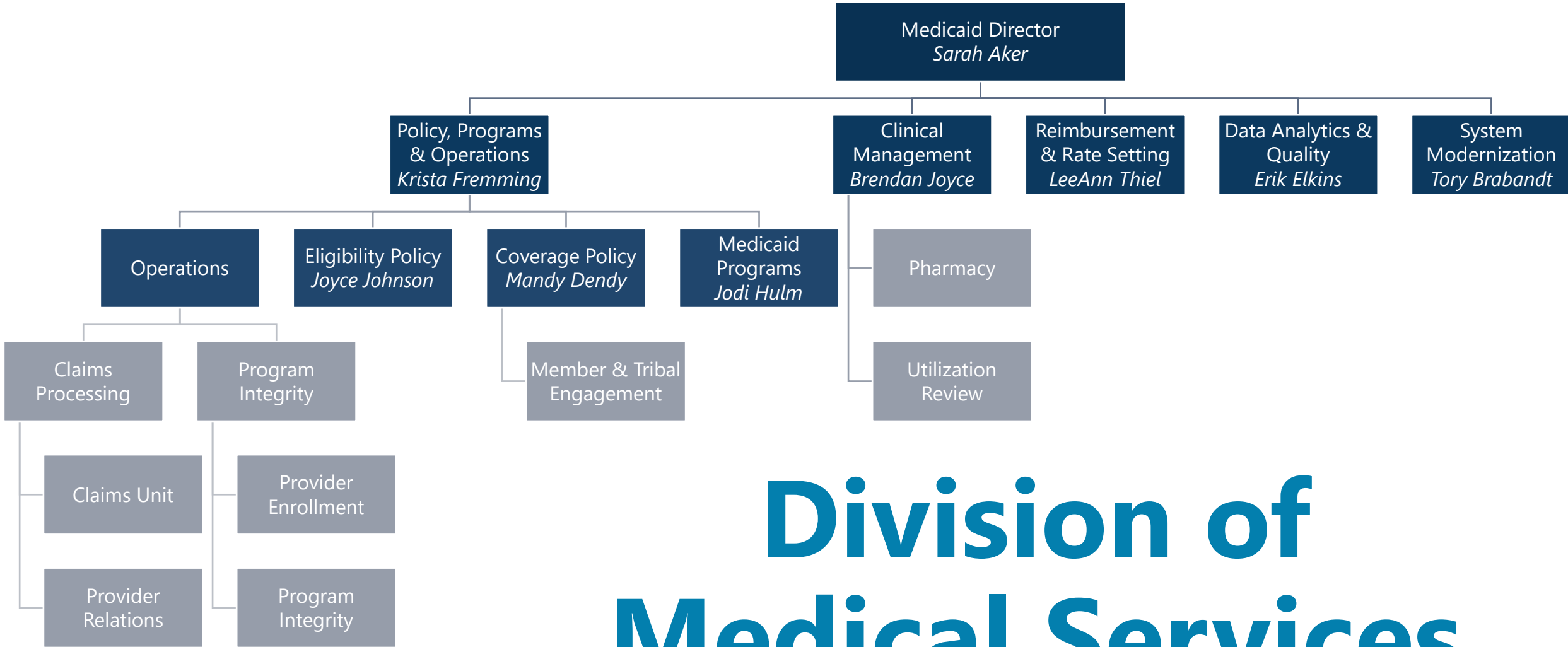
- Onboarding materials upon joining MMAC
- Exit survey upon leaving MMAC



# Medical Services Organizational Chart & Staffing Updates







# Division of Medical Services

# July 1, 2023 State Plan Amendments



# Waiver Updates





# **Did You Know?** Youth, Healthcare, and Medicaid



# Unaccompanied Youth and Healthcare

- [N.D.C.C. 14-10-20](#) – Unaccompanied homeless minor's consent for health care.
  - Minor 14+ living in a described situation and not in the care and custody of a parent or legal guardian
  - Can consent to, contract for, and receive medical, dental, or behavioral health examinations, care or treatment without permission, authority, or consent of a parent or guardian

# Documentation of unaccompanied homeless minor status

- [N.D.C.C. 14-10-20](#) – Unaccompanied homeless minor’s consent for health care.
  - The law lists acceptable documentation showing an individual is an unaccompanied homeless minor.
    - By a director or designee of a governmental or nonprofit entity receiving public or private funds to provide services to individuals who are homeless;
    - By a local education agency (LEA) liaison for homeless children and youth designated under law, a LEA foster care point of contact designated by law, or a school social worker or counselor;
    - By an attorney representing the individual in a legal matter; or
    - Signed statement by the individual and two adults with knowledge of the individual’s actual circumstances.



# Youth, Healthcare, and Medicaid

N.D.C.C. 14-10-20 relates to an unaccompanied youth's consent to care which is a separate thing from their access to Medicaid.



# Unaccompanied Youth and Medicaid

For Medicaid purposes, an unaccompanied youth may be considered “living independently”, which includes an individual who has:

- Lived separately and apart from both parents for at least three consecutive full calendar months after the date the individual left a parental home,
- continued to live separately and apart from both parents, and
- not received support or assistance from either parent while living separately and apart.

Source: [N.D. Admin. Code 75-02-02.1-01\(19\)](#)

# Unaccompanied Youth and Medicaid

For Medicaid purposes, “child” is defined as not including individuals “living independently”.

Source: [N.D. Admin. Code 75-02-02.1-01\(5\)](#).

Parental income is not counted as being actually available to an individual “living independently.”

Source: [N.D. Admin. Code 75-02-02.1-34\(4\)](#).

# Unaccompanied Youth and Medicaid

We're most likely going to see unaccompanied homeless youth under Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid. See [policy here](#).

- Youth can fill out the [SFN 1909](#) application on paper or apply online using the [Self-Service Portal](#) (SSP). They can also have [assistance](#) with the application.
  - **In foster care at age 18** - check a box if they aged out of foster care and were on Medicaid at age 18 (if so, they can be covered under Medicaid until age 26, even if they aged out of another state's foster care system)
  - (FYI **Foster care** recipient Medicaid applications are automatically done)



# Stay Covered ND Resources!

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/human-services/medicaid/StayCoveredND>




**What you need to know about ND Medicaid renewals**

And how you can encourage members to take action!

Starting April 1, 2023, ND Medicaid may need to contact members to see if they still qualify for coverage.

**What do ND Medicaid members need to know?**

ND Medicaid is working to inform members about steps they need to take to stay covered, if they qualify. These include:

-  Ensure contact information is correct.
-  Check the mail.
-  Complete their renewal form (if they get one).

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- Here's how you can help:**
- 1. Share where and how to update their information.**
    - Contact the Customer Support Center toll-free 866-614-6005, 711 (TTY) or email [applyforhelp@nd.gov](mailto:applyforhelp@nd.gov).
  - 2. Offer assistance.**
    - Help them update their contact information, read and understand the letter they may receive in the mail or submit the requested documentation online. (e.g. pay stubs, income tax returns, proof of disability, etc.).
  - 3. Share resources.**
    - Encourage conversations about renewals and/or share resources in your community.

If they no longer qualify for ND Medicaid and need help finding a plan on the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, have them contact ND Navigators at [ndcpd.org/NDNavigator](http://ndcpd.org/NDNavigator) or 1-800-233-1737.



Learn more or visit [hhs.nd.gov/StayCoveredND](https://www.hhs.nd.gov/StayCoveredND)



### Downloadable Resources and Materials

Help us spread the word! More materials are still under development including several flyers, posters and other resources in Spanish and Somali languages. Check back often! To access the materials, click on the + sign.

Community Toolkit	+
Tribal Toolkit	+
Stakeholder Toolkit	+
School Toolkit	+

### Frequently Asked Questions

Why are regular Medicaid renewals resuming?	+
What can members do now to prepare?	+
How should members update their contact information?	+
What is the renewal process?	+
What if I lose coverage?	+
What are the other health care coverage options?	+
What else is ND Medicaid doing to communicate with members?	+