

Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

- The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.
- Roll call of committee members was taken. Members in attendance: Matuor Alier, Judy Bahe, Melissa Bingham, Tim Blasl, Dr. Joan Connell, Donene Feist, Courtney Koebele, Beth Larson Steckler, Janelle Moos, Lisa Murry, Stephen Olson, Shelly Peterson, Emma Quinn, Gayla Sherman, Bobbie Will.

Department of Human Services Updates

- An update was provided regarding the integration of the Department of Human Services and Department of Health.

Discussion

- An update on the ND Legislative Special Session that took place earlier this month was provided.
- An update was provided on the Faces of Medicaid subcommittee. Partners for the project include DHS, BCBSND Caring Foundation, ND Hospital Association and Community Healthcare Association of the Dakotas.
- An update was provided on the American Rescue Plan – temporary 10% increase to FMAP for certain Medicaid HCBS. North Dakota's plan was provisionally approved by CMS, with quarterly progress reports required.
- An update was provided on the American Rescue Plan – option for states to extend Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months. This option was approved by the ND legislature at the special session.

Medical Services Division Updates

- An update on vaccine requirements from CMS was provided.
- Operational Updates
 - Coverage for interpreter services was discussed.
- State Plan Amendments
 - A state plan amendment to comply with mental health parity will be submitted for an effective date of January 1, 2022.
 - A state plan amendment to align state plan with Medicaid Expansion alternative benefit plan will be submitted for an effective date of January 1, 2022.
 - Other
- Waiver Amendments/Approvals
 - The HCBS waiver received its 5-year renewal from CMS.
 - The Autism waiver amendment was approved by CMS to increase slots and ages.

Education topic

- An education session was provided by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – ND Attorney General's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.