



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023
Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Meeting Location: The California Endowment, 1414 K St., first floor conference room
Webinar: [Register in advance](#). Call-in participants will be unable to view presentation materials and will be unable to make oral public comments during the meeting.

10:00 – 10:10

Welcome and Introductions

Mike Weiss, M.D., Chair

- a. Review: the legislative intent of AB 357 (Pan, Chapter 376, Statutes of 2014), as subsequently amended, states that the health and well-being of California's children should be among the state's top priorities, and it is imperative that every child in California has meaningful health coverage that includes benefits to support healthy growth and development. Children's health coverage should encompass more than just the treatment of diseases and illnesses, but should also cover services and care to promote healthy development and well-being, identify and address problems early on, and prevent chronic disease. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14005.271 states that the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel shall be an independent, statewide advisory board that shall advise the State Department of Health Care Services on matters relevant to all children enrolled in Medi-Cal and their families, including, but not limited to, emerging trends in the care of children, quality measurements, communications between the Department of Health Care Services and Medi-Cal families, provider network issues, and Medi-Cal enrollment issues.
- b. Member Roll Call
- c. Review and Approval of December 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes

10:10 – 10:40

Director's Update

Michelle Baass, Director, DHCS

- a. Swearing in of Panel Member
- b. Governor's Proposed Budget Overview
- c. California Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum Demonstration
- d. CMS Approval of CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative
- e. Unwinding of the COVID-19 PHE: Medi-Cal Continuous Coverage Requirement and Redeterminations
- f. Questions for the Panel

10:40 – 11:40

Medi-Cal's Strategies to Enhance Quality and Care for Children and Families

René Mollow, MSN, RN, Deputy Director for Health Care Benefits and Eligibility

Pamela Riley, MD, Assistant Deputy Director & Chief Health Equity Officer

Joseph Billingsley, Assistant Deputy Director for Health Care Delivery Systems

- a. EPSDT/Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens Education
- b. Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Transition

- 11:40 – 12:10** Doula Benefit and Stakeholder Workgroup
René Mollow, MSN, RN, Deputy Director for Health Care Benefits and Eligibility
- 12:10 – 12:40** Break
- 12:40 – 1:30** Comprehensive Quality Strategy Update and Intersection of DHCS Programs and Initiatives
Palav Babaria, MD, Deputy Director & Chief Quality and Medical Officer
- 1:30 – 1:45** Public Comment
Chair
- 1:45 – 1:55** Member Updates
- 1:55 – 2:00** Upcoming MCHAP Meeting – May 4, 2023, and Next Steps
Mike Weiss, M.D., Chair
Meeting Dates for 2023:
- May 4, 2023
 - August 17, 2023
 - November 2, 2023

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