



Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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9:30 – 9:40

Welcome and Introductions

Ken Hempstead, M.D., Chair

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.

- a. Roll Call of Members
- b. Review and Approval of October 14, 2020, Meeting Minutes

9:40 – 10:10

Opening Remarks by DHCS Director

Will Lightbourne, DHCS

- a. Swearing in of Panel Members
- b. COVID-19 Update
- c. Questions for the Panel

10:10 – 10:15

Election of Chairperson for 2021

MCHAP Members

- a. Review of New Chair's Vision and Goals for Panel

10:15 – 10:30

Discussion of Public Health Emergency End

MCHAP Members

- a. Review of Draft Letter to DHCS Director, With Opportunity for Discussion, Amendments, and Final Vote

- 10:30 – 11:10** Telehealth Discussion with Focus on Beneficiary Experience
René Mollow, DHCS
- 11:10 – 11:30** Gaps in Coverage Due to COVID-19
Jacey Cooper, DHCS
- 11:30 – 12:20** Structural Racism in Health Care Delivery System and Outcomes
Discussion Facilitated by DHCS
- 12:20 – 12:35** Member Updates and Follow Up
MCHAP Members
- 12:35 – 12:50** Public Comment
Chair
- 12:50 – 1:00** Upcoming MCHAP Meeting – January 26, 2021, and Next Steps
Chair
Meeting Dates for 2021:
- January 26, 2021 (Tentative)
 - March 16, 2021
 - June 24, 2021
 - September 9, 2021
 - December 9, 2021

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