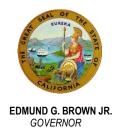


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# Department of Health Care Services Advisory Panel for Medi-Cal Families Meeting Summary July 31, 2014 Sacramento, California

Members

in attendance: Karen Lauterbach, Non-Profit Clinic Representative; Ronald Diluigi,

Business Representative; William Arroyo, M.D., Mental Health

Provider Representative; Jan Schumann, Subscriber Representative; Paul Phinney, M.D., MSc, Pediatrician

Representative; Ellen Beck, M.D., Family Practice Physician

Representative;

DHCS Staff in attendance:

Anastasia Dodson, Associate Director for Policy; Oksana Giy, Health Reform Advisor; Phoebe Sadler, Director's Office; Matt Ortiz, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility; Karen Baylor, Deputy Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services; Brenda Grealish, Chief of Mental Health Services Division; O'Shea Nero, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division; Braden Oparowski, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division; Tara Naisbitt, Chief, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division;

Audience:

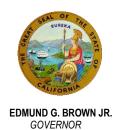
Jack Montez, MAXIMUS; Kelley Hardy, Children Now; Beth Abbott, Health Access; Annette Rose, California Association of Health Plans; Nathan Davis, California Children's Hospital Association; Amelia Lawless, Department of Finance; Carla Castenada, Department of Finance; Scott Ogos, Department of Finance; Kristina March, California Medical Association; Janis Conmallor, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health; Linda Dickerson, California Mental Health Planning Council; Lydia Bourne, AAP-CA; Laura Leonelli, California Mental Health Planning Council;; C. Douglas, P.E.A.C.H.; Kirsten Barion, California Mental Health

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#### 1. Introduction

- a. Dr. Paul Phinney opened meeting.
- 2. Review and Approval of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Advisory Panel Meeting Meetings
  - a. Minor changes to minutes.
  - b. Panel discussed the format of the meeting minutes and requested to have meeting notes with follow-up items listed.
- 3. Advisory Panel Membership
  - a. Dr. Paul Phinney was selected to serve as the Advisory Panel Chair.
    - i. Dr. Ellen Beck asked to have a more developed and structured process for future recruitments.
    - ii. Dr. Phinney agreed to serve as interim Advisory Panel Chair while AB 357 is being reviewed.
  - b. Sandra Reilly from Pomona Valley Medical Center was selected to represent Disproportionate Share Hospitals.
  - c. Marci Aguirre from Inland Empire Health Plan was selected to represent the Health Plans.
  - d. DHCS is soliciting recommendations for the Education representative.
- 4. Eligibility and Enrollment Update
  - Since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medi-Cal has enrolled over 2 million newly eligible individuals into the program.
  - b. DHCS is working to effectuate coverage for the 490,000 individuals who have pending applications as of July 2014.
    - i. DHCS plans to reduce pending applications to 350,000 by mid-August.
  - c. DHCS implemented temporary policy for self-attestation of California residency.
  - d. As applications are being processed, the beneficiary's status may remain pending even though coverage is active and the beneficiary's information has been transferred into Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS).
  - e. Renewal packets have been being sent to pre-ACA beneficiaries each month, beginning in April.
    - i. "Request for Tax Household Information" (RFTHI) packets include requesting tax information from beneficiaries which is now required to make a MAGI determination.
    - Starting in 2015, DHCS will be utilizing information that has already been provided and verified through the federal hub to automatically renew coverage.



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- iii. Counties are currently holding the RFTHI packets and are not reevaluating eligibility based on the information provided.
- iv. DHCS is discussing renewal options with CMS.
- v. RFTHI packets sent without a due date were sent in error. Since the error, the identified County has resent the packets with the correct due date.
- vi. Consumers can provide tax household information through the mail, phone or in person.
- f. Beneficiaries who were transitioned from the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) are being processed by County Eligibility Workers in the same manner as new applicants.
- g. DHCS completed a detailed report to CMS on the mitigation plan which included data breakdowns.
- 5. Deep Dive Presentation: Mental Health by Karen Baylor and Brenda Grealish
  - a. DHCS is working on developing a performance outcomes system for children which will include multiple performance indicators.
  - b. DHCS continues discussions with managed care health plans and county mental health plans on mental health services integration and care coordination.
  - c. Stakeholder Comments/Questions
    - i. Stakeholders expressed concern that Federally Qualified Health Centers cannot bill Medi-Cal for mental health services on the same day as a physical health appointment; DHCS is aware of the issue.
    - ii. Stakeholders communicated that there is a need for family therapy.
    - iii. It was suggested that DHCS explore the option for school-based mental health services.
    - iv. As an outreach tool, it was suggested to include a question on the pediatric surveys at doctor's offices asking if the person is aware that mental health services are now offered under Medi-Cal.
- 6. Open Discussion
  - a. DHCS discussed merging Advisory Panel for Medi-Cal families with the Managed Care Advisory Group.
  - b. Medi-Cal Managed care plans cover 4.2 million children; merging the two groups would leave about 900,000 children who are receiving fee-for-service coverage under represented.
  - c. The Panel Members agreed to have separate meetings until AB 357 is finalized.



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d. The Panel Members decided to have the deep dive topic at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting be on Dental Health.

#### Follow-up items:

- 1. Will DHCS administer an oath for new members of the Panel?
- 2. How many children are enrolled in Medi-Cal as of August 2014?
- 3. Total number of consumers who are eligible for coverage but have not applied, excluding undocumented immigrants?
- 4. Total number of DACA applications received to date?
- 5. How much of the Medi-Cal budget is spent on children?
- 6. Total cost of outreach dedicated to children and mental health services?
- 7. What is the statutory authority of insurance code 12693.90?