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**August/September, 2019: MAPOC Council Report**

**MAPOC Full Council:**

The Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council is a collaborative body which consists of legislators, consumers, advocates, healthcare providers, administrative service organization representatives, and state agencies. The Council is charged with monitoring planning, and implementation of matters related to Medicaid care management initiatives including, but not limited to transitional issues with managed care, eligibility standards, benefits, health care access and quality measures.

The Council meets on the second Friday of every month, with the exception of the month of August.

**The full Council did not meet during the month of August.**

**On September 13<sup>th</sup>**, the full council received an update from the Department of Social Services on eligibility. Questions were asked by members of the council on gaps in coverage, husky benefits for undocumented children and what categories they would fall under (this topic was asked for consideration for upcoming legislation).

In an effort to create long-term planning for the Council and its subcommittees, the council then discussed upcoming topics for discussion. Items included:

- Electronic Visit Verification- the implications in terms of technology and cost.
- ASO presentations
  - October- CHCACT presentation on Practice Transformation Network Activities
  - November- Beacon
  - December- CHN and results of Year 1 and Wave 2 of PCMH+
  - January- Benecare
- Pediatric Care with Complex Issues (which is being addressed in the Complex Care Committee)

**The Council will meet next on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM in room 1E of the LOB**

**Developmental Disabilities Workgroup**

The Developmental Disabilities Work Group is designed for families who have children with developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorders and Intellectual Disabilities,

who often struggle with access to services they need to support their child's learning, developmental, and mental health. The lack of access to necessary and high quality care can have impacts for children and their families, up to and including the repeated and prolonged hospitalization or institutionalization of children with complex needs

The Work Group is required to issue successive reports that will make recommendations regarding how to "promote effective service delivery for children [with developmental disabilities] and their families," including recommendations regarding how to better evaluate the quality of state-funded services to children, and how to best address gaps in services so that Connecticut can realize a comprehensive and coordinated service system for children and their families.

The Work Group did not meet on **September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

The Work Group did not meet on **July 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Care Management Committee**

The Care Management Committee shall work to monitor and support improved quality of care through access, efficiency and coordination in the State's HUSKY Health Program, including care of which is through the Person-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and Person-Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+) programs.

The Care Management Committee did not meet on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Care Management Committee will meet on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in room 2A of the LOB.

### **Complex Care Committee**

The Complex Care Committee oversees and provides recommendations on dealing with Medicaid initiatives and management of individuals on Medicaid who have intensive health care needs. The committee will closely monitor and support Intensive Care Management (ICM), Emergency Department (ED) utilization, those who are dually eligible for Medicaid/Medicare and persons requiring special health care services.

The Complex Care Committee did not meet on September 19<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts. The Committee will meet next on **October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in room 2A of the LOB.**

### **Quality and Access Committee/ Coordination of Care (With BHPOC)**

The Quality and Access Committee works to improve consumer access to health care. The committee elicits consumer input and gathers information, identifies barriers to care, considers remedies and makes recommendations to the full Council.

**On September 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **Women and Children's Health Committee**

The Women and Children's Health Committee monitors and supports services, initiatives, and programs specifically focused on the healthcare of women, infants, and children in the State's Medicaid Program.

On **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, the committee had a scheduled update on the Committee on Children from Rep. Liz Linehan who was unable to attend. She has been invited to a future meeting. Terri DiPietro gave a presentation on Middlesex Hospitals Perinatal Health Collaborative, which can be

seen on the Council website. The Committee then discussed the Supportive Housing Benefit presentation that was given to the full council in June.

The Committee will meet next on **October 21<sup>st</sup> in room 2A of the LOB.** The intent is to have Planned Parenthood present and discuss the challenges to women and children's health currently in place due to the Title X gag order and decreased funding.