



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

## OASAC Medicaid Enrollment Oversight Subcommittee Meeting

**December 14, 2021**  
**1:00- 2:30 p.m.**  
(Approved February 8, 2022)

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### **Members in Attendance:**

Paula A. Basta, Director, Illinois Department on Aging  
Lora McCurdy, Deputy Director, Department on Aging (Chair)  
Lauren Tomko for Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare & Family Services  
Darby Anderson, Addus HomeCare, Inc.  
Marsha Johnson, Community Care Systems, Inc.  
David Olsen, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter

### **Department on Aging staff:**

John Eckert, Kimberly Flesch, Sophia Gonzalez, Amy Lulich, and Iris Schweier

### **Guests:**

Robin Morgan (HFS)

### **Members Unable to Attend:**

Marla Fronczak, Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging  
Lori Hendren, AARP  
Ann Irving, AFSCME Council 31  
Dave Lowitzki, Lowitzki Consulting  
Anna Moeller, State Representative  
Terri Bryant, State Representative  
Dave Syverson, State Senator

### **Welcome & Introductions**

John Eckert welcomed everyone to the meeting and meeting. Sophia Gonzalez shared the names of all attendees.

### **Approval of September 7, 2021 Subcommittee meeting Minutes**

John Eckert asked for a motion to approve the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes. David Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes. Darby Anderson seconded. No corrections or changes were noted. All members voted in favor. The approved minutes will be posted on the IDoA website.

### Review Quarterly Report Data & Trends

Kimberly Flesch shared that there is not much difference in the report numbers from the last meeting. The Department continues to include the previous year lookback as a reference. The PSA percentages and trends show that PSA 4 and 8 had a decline and have now stayed steady. The Department has had monthly calls with CCUs to try to find out what issues they are having. The Department has also identified the ten CCU contracts with low percentages and has targeted these CCUs. They were asked why they think they have the lowest percentages and if there is anything that the Department can do to assist. Only one CCU responded and noted they have had issues obtaining financial information due to COVID-19. The Department plans to follow up. Marsha Johnson shared that they have 5 contracts; 2 in Chicago sub-areas and 3 serving numerous downstate counties. They send a stamp envelope to the participants they do not see FTF to get financials, but they still have issues getting this information. Johnson shared that they have been using hybrid model and do not complete all assessments in the home. Johnson shared that their percentage numbers are high; they are managing to get it done. Flesch shared that there has been a jump for both; even non-medical numbers. Overall, the numbers are down now, and this may be attributed to keeping people on longer.

Flesch also shared current Medicaid Report numbers as of December 2021. The report looks at policy and how many initial assessments were put into the system and how many medical applications were completed. The Department started reaching out to CCUs in October and this has helped raise the percentages. This information is based 100% on the data submitted by the report. The 12-month rolling average is a good example of where we are. However, it may not be accurate because CCUs may be completing applications for others that are not initials. Lora McCurdy asked if there has been any feedback regarding uploading the reports. Flesch responded that there has been no problem with uploading. The Department will continue to have quarterly calls with CCUs.

### Public Health Extension and Appendix K

David Olsen asked when the Public Health Extension will be ending. Amy Lulich responded that the PHE continues to be extended. HFS has no news as to when the PHE period would end since the COVID-19 vaccines are tied to the PHE. The federal government will give a 60-day notice of when it will end. There has been a request for information on redeterminations and regular unwinding. Aging has taken direction from HFS and have asked what we would do. For now, the PHE is not going anywhere. Mike Berkes agreed that with the unwinding, redeterminations are important, and it will take some time. As the PHE is extended, so does the unwinding work.

### FMAP Incentive

Mike Berkes reviewed that the FMAP Incentive is the match that will be received by the Department for the services provided under the Medicaid waiver, an additional 10% in federal match. He stated that the link to the plan can be found on our website and will be shared in the chat. The plan shows the 10 spending areas that include rate increases and money for new waiver service program areas. He shared that we are close to approval for the FMAP spending. There will be a quarterly waiver meeting this Thursday to figure out where we are with the approval and everyone to stay tuned as we are closer than we were yesterday. These rate increases will be very helpful and an opportunity that we never had. Lora McCurdy added that it is the Departments

understanding that we have an approval for all services, but CMS has question on two areas; Assistive Technology and Home Modifications. Clarification is needed from HFS. The Department is very excited about new services being added to CCP. Robin Morgan stated that Pam Winsel is working on responding to the Department questions. Marsha Johnson asked how long it will be if the approval for the CCU rate increase and the CCU Workforce Retention grant. Berkes shared that Planning has been working on creating the application for the CCU Workforce Retention grant within Amplifund to be ready to push this out when the approval is received. He added that the rate increases will move quickly for INH and ADS and there will be an acceleration rate increase back to 11/01/2021. The Department is hopeful that we will be ready to get the grant out a couple of months after we receive approval. Johnson thanked Berkes for the information and added that she is looking to see how fast she must do the work for the grant and the rate increases. McCurdy assured Johnson that the Department will send out an update to the network to allow them to plan.

Darby Anderson asked if the Department is expecting to get approval for the November 1<sup>st</sup> increases. Berkes responded that the plan at Aging has not changed and are working through approvals. McCurdy shared that as soon these points are clarified, the Department will send something out. Anderson asked about the retro pay for MCO's. McCurdy stated that the MCO's are a separate issue that should be addressed to HFS. Berkes agreed that it is a separate issue and another area to bring up at the Thursday meeting that is not tied to FMAP. He also added that MCOs are on the HFS side. Anderson asked why a formal written announcement of intent to pay has not been provided. Robin Morgan conformed that the MCO retroactive payment was going to occur and noted that the plans were notified on December 3<sup>rd</sup> by the HFS Bureau of Managed Care. Morgan stated that for the bonus payment they had to come up with a plan on how they are going to implement it and it was due by last Friday. Anderson asked if he could get a copy of that commitment or something in writing. Morgan will ask the Bureau of Managed Care. McCurdy asked Morgan if there was an expectation that the plans will be the same. Robin stated that in the past, the plans have been pretty much similar. Lauren Tomko added that the submitted proposals for payment are not all the same. McCurdy shared that is good news because some of the providers have participants in different MCO's.

#### Review and Approve 2022 Meeting Schedule

John Eckert asked the members to review the 2022 Meeting Schedules and added that due to a previous audit finding the Department would prefer to approve the schedule with the first meeting in February because a meeting must be held in each quarter. Marsha Johnson made the motion and David Olsen seconded. All members voted in favor. The 2022 Subcommittee schedule was approved and will be shared.

#### Public Comment, Other Issues & Announcements

Darby Anderson asked if the General Assembly that created this OASAC subcommittee included an end date. John Eckert shared that there is a sunset date and he will have to look that information up per the Act. Anderson stated that he knows that the Department has a lot of additional committees and there may be repetition from other meetings. He added that he believes that the major mission has been accomplished. He suggested not getting rid of the reports that are currently shared because they have important information, but they could be shared during other meetings. Eckert shared that the Department has discussed this with legal in the past and decided to continue these meetings to complete the requirement. However, he will review the Public Act for the

next meeting. David Olsen shared he looked up the Act and the subcommittee was supposed to meet for 5 years. He also stated that Alzheimer's Association can collaborate with Department on sunseting if needed. Anderson commended the Department for achieving the objectives.

Director Basta stated that the Department always looks at the aftermath, with COVID there have been major changes as to what we do and why. This information presented in this subcommittee is very useful and if we decide to look at sunseting, we would need to determine what do we need now and going forward.

Adjournment:

Marsha Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darby Anderson seconded. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.