



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

## OASAC Medicaid Enrollment Oversight Subcommittee Meeting

**September 5, 2023 (Approved 10.30.2023)**  
**1:00- 2:30 p.m.**

Call in option: Dial: #1-415-655-0002 Access Code: 2451 133 5868#; then press # again.

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**Members in Attendance:**

Becky Dragoo, Deputy Director, Department on Aging (Chair)  
Darby Anderson, Addus HomeCare, Inc.  
Robin Morgan, Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Marla Fronczak, Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging  
State Senator Ann Gillespie  
Marsha Johnson, Community Care Systems, Inc.  
David Olsen, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter

**Department on Aging staff:**

Rhonda Armstead, Mike Berkes, Selma D'Souza, John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Jennifer Hebel, Iris Schweier, and Liz Vogt

**Guests:**

Kelly Cunningham (HFS) and Lisa Gregory (HFS),

**Members Unable to Attend:**

Lori Hendren, AARP  
Ann Irving, AFSCME Council 31  
Dave Lowitzki, Lowitzki Consulting  
Anna Moeller, State Representative  
Terri Bryant, State Senator  
Jackie Hass, State Representative

**Call to Order & Approve Minutes of May 23, 2023, meeting:**

John Eckert welcomed everyone to the final meeting and shared that Director Basta was not able to join us. Deputy Director Becky Dragoo thanked everyone for joining the final OASAC Medicaid Enrollment Subcommittee and stated that she hopes everyone had a great holiday weekend. Sophia Gonzalez shared the names of all attendees. Eckert shared that Robin Morgan was officially appointed by Director Eagleson as the HFS Representative. David Olsen made a motion to call meeting to order and Marla Fronczak seconded. All members voted in favor. Eckert asked for a motion to approve the May 23rd meeting minutes. David Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Marsha Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor. There were no corrections or additions, the meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the IDoA website.

#### Review of P.A.100-0587 requirements

John Eckert shared that this would be a short meeting but wanted to review P.A.100-0587. The statute was mandated by law to convene this Subcommittee and identify diverse membership to represent and offer feedback. The Subcommittee had several responsibilities that included collecting data sets that included; 1) the number of Illinois participants by PSA that are receiving services under CCP and enrolled in the states' Medicaid program, 2) the number of Illinois participants by PSA that are receiving services under CCP and are not enrolled in the states' Medicaid program, 3) the number of Illinois participants by PSA that are receiving services under CCP and are eligible for the states' Medicaid program but are not enrolled and, 4) the Subcommittee was tasked to put in place plans to reduce the number of individuals who were identified in 3). The Report Uploader was developed, training conducted was put in place to track the number of applications that are submitted and the CCU's have been doing a good job with that new requirement. This Subcommittee was mandated to meet for a limited time and met beginning September 2018 through September 2023. No questions or comments were made regarding the review.

#### Review Quarterly Report Data & Trends

John Eckert shared that the enrollment trend of current CCP participants who were not enrolled is significant since we started. The baseline data started with 64.9% on September 2018 and we are at 78.1% in September 2023. All the PSA's enrollment numbers have continued to increase. PSA 06 had a dip down from 91% to 90%. These percentages are expected to increase more now with the asset increase. Eckert shared that these charts were prepared by Kim Flesch, who is no longer with the Department. The other charts also show the enrollment trend and again it has gone up and stayed constant with the higher numbers. The last chart shows you how things have occurred over the duration of the mandate. Eckert shared that the quarterly enrollment report is another good document that shows activity. If you look at the total number of CCP participants, it continues to grow with each year. The non-Medicaid CCP are individuals that are now going to be eligible for Medicaid. We are now getting them on Medicaid, they are new individuals that will be joining now because of the increased assets allowance for Medicaid eligibility.

In September 2018, there were almost 118,000 individuals receiving services and now we are approaching over 135,000. These numbers will continue to rise with the vast increase in the number of seniors that will require services to remain in the community. Eckert shared that these quarterly reports would continue to be updated and shared with other committees within the Department and HFS. This is a great opportunity to collaborate and educate our older adults that Medicaid is not a welfare program and a lot of folks have paid into Social Security for all their working lives and this is another program to help them.

David Olsen thanked the Department for the work that has been done. He shared that this was one of the legislative initiatives under the Alzheimer's Association and it is a major success for the Department and the State. This should be celebrated, providing services to older adults across Illinois and we are doing it in a more cost-effective way. He reminded everyone that the debates at that time when the statute was passed were about the cost and people were concerned about the cost of the CCP program. This is a way that to ensure that we are receiving appropriate federal match dollars that these folks deserve and are eligible to receive. This helps save the state money and it allows

us to continue the viability of this program which we are all proud of in Illinois. He added that he looks forward to continuing to monitor the progress under the increased asset limit and not needing a specific Subcommittee. He thanked Director Basta, Deputy Director Dragoo, John and the entire team.

Kelly Cunningham echoed the comment on the tremendous work that the Department has accomplished. The increase in the percentages and ensuring that the people who are eligible for Medicaid receive coverage. She added that with the recent increase in asset limit that went into effect May 12, we should see these numbers of Medicaid eligible individuals continue to grow over time.

Darby Anderson thanked David Olsen for his comments that were very well-articulated and spot on. He wholeheartedly agrees and hope that the minutes will reflect the positive work. He added that it was good to be part of this and appreciates the opportunity.

#### Public Comment, Other Issues & Announcements

None.

#### Final Adjournment

David Olsen made the final motion to adjourn the meeting. Marsha Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.