



*Delaware Health and Social Services*

# CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL COMPLEXITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## DISCUSSION OF 2023 PRIORITIES



# PROPOSED 2023 PRIORITIES

1. Continue CMCAC quarterly meetings
2. SHHN Workgroup: focus on PDN workforce capacity strategies
3. DME/Supplies Workgroup: continue focus on addressing issues related to DME/Supplies
4. Actively maintain the CMC website
  - Continue to share information with families and other stakeholders



# SHHN WORKGROUP

- DMMA will continue to make progress on strategies within Medicaid's sphere
  - Continue work with MCOs and continue implementation of extraordinary care definition
- Engage additional stakeholders to identify and champion workforce capacity strategies outside Medicaid's sphere, such as:
  - Higher education (schools of nursing, nurse tech/health aide programs, etc.), Delaware Board of Nursing, Delaware Nurses Association, Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Public Health, veteran-serving organizations, etc.
- Consider increasing meeting frequency to 2x monthly
- Brainstorm across all stakeholder groups about innovations needed



# SHHN WORKGROUP- EXTRAORDINARY CARE DEFINITION

- Extraordinary Care definition is proposed in response to the PDN shortages that were studied in the University of Delaware's workforce studies completed in 2021
- Other states use extraordinary care to incentivize PDN recruitment and retention by establishing rates that reflect competitive market wages and encourage nurses to seek and remain in PDN in home care jobs
- Other states use extraordinary care to pay stipends to family caregivers when authorized hours cannot be staffed by providers. This is when family caregivers are not already employed as paid providers
- This work will continue in 2023 and include:
  - (1) Determining use of extraordinary care definition in Delaware
  - (2) Completing and obtaining CMS approval as needed
  - (3) Implement training and communication strategies for all stakeholders



# DME/SUPPLIES WORKGROUP

- Develop 2023 activities at the next workgroup meeting (February 28)
- Shift meeting cadence to once a month



# NEXT STEPS

- CMCAC discussion and consensus-based decision making regarding 2023 priorities.
- Workgroup(s) develop 2023 work plan with activities and timelines to implement the 2023 priorities.
- Work plans are presented to the CMCAC at the April meeting.

