

# DELAWARE'S CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL COMPLEXITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2024

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## Meeting Notes

<p><b>Welcome and Roll Call</b></p>	<p>DMMA Director Andrew Wilson introduced himself as the Chair of CMCAC. He welcomed everyone to the CMCAC meeting and thanked the CMCAC for the work that has been done thus far for children in Delaware. He announced staff changes within DMMA which included the following: Lenora Miller - new Policy Chief, Michelle Standt – Chief of Administration, and Malik Shakur – Executive Assistant within the Office of the Director. Attendees announced their name and affiliation via the chat box.</p>
<p><b>Update from DMMA Director</b></p>	<p>Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) DMMA Director Andrew Wilson provided an update on the development of a MAC and BAC in response to the CMS Access Rule (<a href="#">Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule (CMS-2442-F)   CMS</a>). He stated that the new MAC and BAC will incorporate CMC-centered initiatives and will involve families, providers, and insurance companies, among other entities.</p>
<p><b>SHHN Quarterly Report</b></p>	<p>An overview of the Skilled Home Health Nursing (SHHN) Workgroup Quarter 4 Report was provided by DMMA's EPSDT Coordinator. The report includes Workgroup actions, key issues noted, and upcoming activities. The Quarter 4 Report is available on the DMMA CMCAC website.</p>
<p><b>ENfit™ Taskforce</b></p>	<p>DMMA continues to work with stakeholders and CMCAC members which include MCOs and families, and DME providers, home health agencies and hospital(s) regarding the challenges families are facing around ENfit™ supplies. The last taskforce meeting was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p>
<p><b>DMMA Update</b></p>	<p>DMMA has drafted an FAQ document regarding Self-Directed Attendant Care (SDAC) which seeks to address questions from families regarding how to access this service. The draft FAQ has been reviewed by the Skilled Home Health Nursing (SHHN) workgroup. A similar FAQ will be developed for pediatric respite. These FAQs will be posted to the CMCAC website when completed. Since the last CMCAC meeting, DMMA has continued to investigate policies regarding Private Duty Nurses accompanying a child to and from the hospital both in an ambulance and in a family's private vehicle. DMMA has been in contact with CMS, our federal partners/regulator to seek technical guidance on this topic. Evaluation of program options and policy revisions continues.</p>
<p><b>School Based Services</b></p>	<p>A \$2.5 million dollar grant has been awarded to help expand school-based services covered by Medicaid. DMMA is working with the department of education to implement this grant and would like to hear from stakeholders regarding their experience of Medicaid covered school-based services, this includes families of Medicaid beneficiaries. DMMA will continue to update the CMCAC on progress.</p>

<b>Groups with Work that Align with CMCAC</b>	GACEC – No Updates provided
<b>Future CMCAC Meetings</b>	The next CMCAC meeting will be held on 1/14/25 and will be Hybrid, with both in-person and virtual options.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p>During review of Medicaid School Based Services, families had the following questions:</p> <p><b>School Based Services Grant Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are vision and dental included? Response from DMMA: Yes, as a part of the Medicaid school-based services program for Medicaid-enrolled children, EPSDT screens do include vision and dental screenings.</li> <li>• DMMA provided the link to the grant to all meeting participants during meeting <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/medicaid-state-technical-assistance/medicaid-and-school-based-services/grants/index.html">https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/medicaid-state-technical-assistance/medicaid-and-school-based-services/grants/index.html</a></li> <li>• An attendee asked if a Nurse can be hired to work directly with the child at school to work with the child on a one-one basis.</li> <li>• A CMCAC member responded, by stating that the GACEC is looking into this.</li> <li>• A CMCAC Member asked for clarity on who is responsible for payment and communicating payment information to everyone? Response from DMMA: Stakeholders will be updated about school-based services grant activities throughout the grant period. The Department of Education Children’s Services Cost Recovery Project and Delaware Medicaid collaborate on billing. If families have questions, they should contact their child’s school.</li> <li>• How long will this grant be available? Response from DMMA: Through 2027</li> <li>• Will this funding be a continuation grant or competitive? Response from DMMA: This is a 3 year grant</li> <li>• A participant stated that the SCPD would like to be added for participation. DMMA thanked participant and informed that DMMA and DOE are checking in with all those who are interested in participating in this effort.</li> <li>• A few CMCAC members asked, if eye glasses are a covered benefit under Medicaid? DMMA responded, Yes</li> </ul> <p><b>SDAC Comments:</b></p> <p>CMCAC Member SDAC Comments/Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefits plan coverage when children transition from child to adult services – Member states that her son transitioned to LTC Medicaid and is receiving SDAC. She states that no one has been paid since July (for 3 months) due to issues with her son’s benefits coverage. She feels that a transition plan needs to be put in place to help families and members understand the transition from child to adult services.</li> <li>• Children transitioning from child to adult services - Member feels that a transition plan needs to be put in place for care. She states that a Nemours representative stated that</li> </ul>

certain service are not offered to him due to his age (he is now an adult). She informs that her son has not received his social security and she applied in 2023. She feels that a real checklist for transition is needed at Nemours.

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- SDAC Payment Rates + Transparency around Rates - CMCAC Member's child is trach/vent dependent. This member feels that families should be able to offer workers more than minimum wages to provide trach/vent care and requested a grid that shows agency and MCO rates. She believes that this would help families when choosing an agency.
- Another CMCAC Member informed that SDAC rates should be awarded based on the skills necessary to assist the individual, not a uniform rate.

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Transitioning to adulthood - CMCAC Member believes that CMC children should transition into adulthood with minimal to no changes in coverage

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Weekly Hours - Member states that each parent has a cap of 40hrs per week at this time and believes this is a concern.

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**PDN Nursing Shortage Comments**

CMCAC Member PDN Comment/Concern:

- A committee member informed that his child was dropped from Aveanna and could no longer go to school. He feels that the agencies/Nurses should not have so many limitations and should not be able to pick and choose where they want to work.

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**Medicaid Renewal Process (for CCADP Program)**

CMCAC Member Comments/Concerns:

- Member informs that Medicaid Renewal Process Is not going well for some families. Some families are losing coverage briefly for a few weeks or so. She is asking if DMMA can have a round table discussion surrounding this.

Response from DMMA, DMMA OCMD Dr. Krishna Uphadya: DMMA does understand that the renewals process has been impacted by the pandemic and it is an issue that is being addressed. Dr. Uphadya encouraged input from families and offered her contact information and offered to triage concerns to the correct contact within DMMA.

**Other comments**

Member informs that she wishes there was a way to inform families of changes earlier on, and further stated that she was not informed that her child was eligible for medical daycare.

