

# DELAWARE'S CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL COMPLEXITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## Meeting Notes

<p><b>Welcome and Roll Call</b></p>	<p>DMMA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Krishna Upadhyia welcomed everyone to the CMCAC meeting. DMMA Director Andrew Wilson was introduced as the Chair of CMCAC and thanked the CMCAC for the work that continues to be done for children in Delaware. Attendees announced their name and affiliation via the chat box.</p> <p>The meeting was hybrid with in-person, virtual (Zoom), Zoom chat, and closed captioning options available.</p>
<p><b>DMMA Updates</b></p>	<p>DMMA Director Wilson and Deputy Director Janneen Boyce provided the following updates:</p> <p><b>One Big Beautiful Bill (OBB) Implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continues to require significant resources.</li> <li>• Awaiting additional federal guidance.</li> <li>• DMMA working with DSS on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improving ex parte renewals to reduce burden on families.</li> <li>○ Supporting individuals in meeting exceptions to work requirements without additional documentation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Rural Health Transformation Fund (RHTF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State applications due at the end of October to early November; approvals expected by year-end.</li> <li>• In Delaware, the <b>Governor's Office</b> (not DMMA) is leading the application.</li> <li>• Organizations encouraged to ensure their input is routed to the Governor's Office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Media Coverage on CCADP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Spotlight Delaware article highlighted a family's experience with CCADP.</li> <li>• Revealed need for improved public education, especially among families of children with autism.</li> <li>• DMMA seeking committee feedback on outreach strategies and messaging.</li> </ul> <p><b>CCADP Program Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCADP is not a separate program, but a pathway to Medicaid for children with significant medical needs whose families exceed financial eligibility limits.</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meets Social Security disability criteria, OR</li> <li>○ Meets functional equivalence (two marked limitations or one extreme limitation in</li> </ul>

	<p>defined domains), AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meets an institutional level of care requirement (i.e., child could not be safely maintained in the community without intensive services).</li> </ul> <p><b>Common Misunderstandings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children who function well with outpatient supports (e.g., ABA, school therapies, managed diabetes) typically do not meet institutional level of care criteria.</li> <li>○ Families with commercial insurance may struggle with uncovered services, but financial need alone does not qualify a child.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coverage Clarification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children who qualify through CCADP receive the same Medicaid benefits as any child who qualifies financially.</li> <li>○ No unique services are attached to CCADP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Re-evaluations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children must be <b>re-evaluated annually</b>.</li> <li>○ DMMA attempts to minimize burden for longstanding chronic conditions via spaced reviews where allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>MAC and BAC</b>	<p>Dr. Upadhya and Deputy Director Boyce provided updates. The First BAC meeting was held on 9/18/25 on the DHSS campus in New Castle. The first MAC meeting will be held on 10/15/25, location to be determined. Additional information regarding these groups can be found on the DMMA website at:</p> <p><a href="https://dhss.delaware.gov/dmma/medicaid_mac_bac/">https://dhss.delaware.gov/dmma/medicaid_mac_bac/</a></p> <p>Email Terri Stoneburner with questions regarding the MAC or the BAC:</p> <p><a href="mailto:dmma_macbac@delaware.gov">dmma_macbac@delaware.gov</a></p>
<b>CMC Initiatives &amp; Workgroup Updates (Quarter 3)</b>	<p>DMMA EPSDT Program Manager Melecia Da Silva provided a summary of the following CMC Initiatives and Workgroup Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enfit Update</b> provided with information obtained from DMMA's Pharmacy Director Brian Mabie.</li> <li>• <b>Medicaid Benefits and Services Brochure for Children with Medical Complexity</b> DMMA worked with the CMC Workgroup on this brochure. This brochure is complete and posted to the DMMA CMC website.</li> <li>• <b>Transitions of Care toolkit</b> for Children with Medical Complexity- DMMA worked with the CMC Workgroup on this toolkit. This toolkit is complete and was posted to DMMA's CMC website.</li> <li>• <b>Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Initiative</b> – Progressed through a structured timeline over the year. DMMA continues to collaborate with CMCAC members, nursing schools, home care agencies, and other entities. Nursing Assessment tool completed. Work will continue on this.</li> </ul>
<b>Groups with Work that Aligns with CMCAC</b>	<p><b>PIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCO call held on 10/14</li> <li>• Inquiry about a slide for CCADP to share with families</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a "Side-by-Side Tell Your Story" training, currently in early stages, aimed at helping families share their stories effectively and efficiently</li> <li>• Parent-to-Parent Support Program launching soon</li> <li>• Dr. Upadhyia will follow up with PIC regarding CCADP</li> </ul> <p><b>Governor's Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taskforce for Children in Schools meeting scheduled for 10/22</li> </ul> <p><b>DDDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring developments related to children in schools in response to recent federal changes</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b>CCADP</b></p> <p><b>Workgroup members inform of the following regarding CCADP:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families often do not know CCADP exists.</li> <li>• Families often learn about CCADP informally from other parents.</li> <li>• Parents of medically complex children may be unaware of the severity of their child's needs and may not know to seek coverage/services through the program.</li> <li>• Clarification is needed on who is responsible for informing families about eligibility.</li> <li>• Gaps mentioned within the following entities: NICU staff, hospital/clinic social workers, pediatricians, school IEP teams. Workgroup Member believes that it would be helpful to have Designated responsible parties (e.g., NICU social workers, hospital case managers) to consistently inform families about CCADP.</li> </ul> <p><b>DMMA Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMMA currently receives referrals from Nemours, pediatricians, and nursing schools.</li> <li>• Actively working to educate provider networks and reduce misinformation (e.g., providers assuring families they "will definitely qualify").</li> </ul> <p><b>Workgroup Member</b> expressed interest in developing <b>fictional case examples</b> to clarify eligibility boundaries.</p> <p><b>DMMA Response:</b> DMMA will look into this and determine if this can be added to websites and outreach materials.</p> <p><b>Workgroup Member</b> states that: Some families prefer CCADP because parental income fluctuations can disrupt Medicaid eligibility.</p> <p><b>DMMA Response:</b> DMMA acknowledges that disruptions can occur and is working on reducing service interruptions and creating clear pathways for children at risk of losing coverage.</p>
<b>Future CMCAC Meetings</b>	The next CMCAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.