
LEGAL UPDATE

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HEALTH POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING — DECEMBER 2, 2019

Purpose. *Legal updates are prepared by the nonpartisan Legal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency. A legal update is intended to provide legislators, legislative staff, and other persons interested in legislative matters with summaries of recent meetings, court decisions, Attorney General Opinions, regulatory actions, federal actions, and other occurrences of a legal nature that may be pertinent to the General Assembly's consideration of a topic. Although an update may identify issues for consideration by the General Assembly, it should not be interpreted as advocating any particular course of action.*

Co-chairperson: Senator Mariannette Miller-Meeks

Co-chairperson: Representative Joel Fry

Background. The Health Policy Oversight Committee (HPOC) of the Legislative Council was established as a permanent legislative committee of the Legislative Council under Iowa Code section 2.45. The committee is composed of 10 members of the General Assembly, consisting of five members from each house, appointed by the Legislative Council. The committee is required to meet at least two times annually during the legislative interim to provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, and to ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and make recommendations to the General Assembly.

Procedural Business. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. and was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. in Room 116 of the State Capitol.

Department of Human Services (DHS) Presentations. Following the introduction of the newly appointed DHS director, Ms. Kelly Kennedy Garcia, Mr. Michael Randol, Medicaid Director, DHS, reviewed several documents with the committee including those entitled "Medicaid Enrollment," "Medicaid Eligibility Overview," "Iowa Health Link Legislative Changes," "Iowa Health Link Managed Care Organization Report: SFY 2019, Quarter 4 (April-June) Performance Data," and "Dental Plans Report: State Fiscal Year 2019 Performance Data."

Managed Care Organization Updates. Mr. Mitch Wasden, President and CEO, Iowa Total Care and Mr. Jeffrey Jones, President, Amerigroup, provided updates on the Medicaid managed care transition effective July 1, 2019, and on current Medicaid Managed Care Organization activities.

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