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### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAAC) — AUGUST 2022

**Summary.** The [Medical Assistance Advisory Council \(MAAC\)](#) met on August 18, 2022. The agenda and presentations can be found [here](#). The following updates were provided to the MAAC.

**Managed Care Organization (MCO) Quarterly Report.** Kurt Behrens from [Iowa Medicaid](#) reviewed the MCO quarterly report for the third quarter (3Q) of fiscal year (FY) 2022. Mr. Behrens discussed the following:

- A 1.5% increase (11,680) in MCO members between 2Q and 3Q of FY 2022.
- A 0.3% decrease (\$4.2 million) in all capitation payments to \$1.450 billion in 3Q of FY 2022.
- A 38.8% increase (\$6.4 million) in third-party liability (TPL) claims in 3Q of FY 2022. The MCOs are responsible for recovering Medicaid dollars when it is determined that other insurance coverage is available. This process is known as TPL. The MCO retains all recovered TPL funds; however, these funds are used to develop future capitation rates.

**Medicaid Update.** Director of Iowa Medicaid Elizabeth Matney provided an update on Medicaid to the MAAC, which included discussion of the following:

- The creation of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as of July 1, 2022.
- The originally scheduled federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) end date for October 2022 will be extended, as the federal government did not provide states a mandatory 60-day notice for concluding the PHE. Once the end date of the PHE is confirmed, notices will be sent by Iowa Medicaid 30 days before the end date of the PHE to current Medicaid members who may see their statuses change.
- Town halls were held by Iowa Medicaid in June and July and will be scheduled for the fall.
- The large growth in Medicaid membership during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the PHE not allowing disenrollment, Director Matney cites metrics that show approximately 75.0% to 85.0% of members added during the pandemic could be disenrolled once the PHE ends.
- The award of a new MCO contract by the end of August 2022.

**Updates from Managed Care Plans (MCPs).** The following MCPs provided updates to the MAAC:

- [Amerigroup Iowa](#)
- [Iowa Total Care](#)
- [MCNA Dental](#)
- [Delta Dental of Iowa](#)

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held online on November 17, 2022. More information will be provided by the LSA upon request.

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