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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAAC) — NOVEMBER 2022

Summary. The [Medical Assistance Advisory Council \(MAAC\)](#) met on November 17, 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 fourth quarter (4Q) of fiscal year (FY) 2022. Mr. Behrens discussed the following:

- A 1.1% increase (8,320) in MCO members between 3Q and 4Q of FY 2022.
- A 0.3% increase (\$4.6 million) in all capitation payments to \$1.450 billion in 4Q of FY 2022.
- A 14.8% increase (\$8.7 million) in third-party liability (TPL) claims in 4Q 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. Iowa Deputy Medicaid Director Julie Lovelady provided an update on Medicaid to the MAAC, which included discussion of the following:

- The originally scheduled federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) end date for January 2023 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. Planning efforts for unwinding the PHE will continue. Feedback from providers is being solicited by the [Iowa Department of Health and Human Services](#) (DHHS).
- The onboarding and training efforts continue for [Molina Healthcare](#), the MCO awarded a new contract in August 2022. One hundred ten sessions have been held to help Molina understand Iowa Medicaid, performance expectations, and compliance factors. The time frame for a readiness review began on October 20, 2022, and continues through June 21, 2023.
- The creation of the DHHS as of July 1, 2022, and the introduction of a new DHHS website.
- The implementation of [Electronic Visit Verification](#) (EVV). The DHHS received approval from the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) to delay implementation of the EVV until January 2024.
- The [National Association of Medicaid Directors](#) (NAMD) recognized the DHHS for national leadership on Medicaid service modernization efforts to improve Iowa Medicaid.

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

- [Amerigroup Iowa](#)
- [Iowa Total Care](#)

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held online in February 2023. More information will be provided by the LSA upon request.

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