

HEALTH POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

December 17, 2018

Co-chairperson: Senator Mark Costello

Co-chairperson: Representative David Heaton

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.

Procedural Business. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. and was adjourned at 11:54 a.m. in Room 116 of the State Capitol.

Department of Human Services (DHS) Presentations: Mr. Jerry Foxhoven, Director, DHS, and Mr. Michael Randol, Medicaid Director, DHS, provided presentations as follows:

Tiered Rates. The directors provided a review of the results of the work group held during the 2018 interim to review the tiered rates and make recommendations. The work group in part recommended shifting funding from the lower to the higher tiers to more adequately address the costs of members with higher acuity.

Health Homes. The directors reported on the findings of the health home work group that met two times to review the chronic conditions and integrated health homes. The work group will continue to review the Medicaid state plan amendments (SPAs) to determine if the two SPAs should be combined and DHS will continue to work with the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to provide better communication and assistance to providers.

Level of Care Sample Findings. The directors reviewed the findings of the level of care sample analysis, including trends and exceptions to policy provisions.

Process Improvement Work Group. The directors reviewed the work of the process improvement work group convened to work through provider issues. The group identified 150 issues categorized into eight common themes, and the issues have been prioritized for the purposes of resolution. Information from the work group is available on the DHS internet site.

July Transition Information. The directors discussed the steps being taking to transition to adding Iowa Total Care, Inc., as the third Medicaid MCO beginning July 1, 2019.

MCO Updates. Mr. Bror Hultgren, Interim Chief Executive Officer, UnitedHealthcare (UHC), provided an update regarding UHC's 2018 activities, plans for 2019, and value-based care.

Dental Wellness Plan. Ms. Gretchen Hageman, Director, Government Programs and Project Director for the Dental Wellness Plan, Dr. Jeffrey Chaffin, Vice President of Professional Relations and Dental Director, Delta Dental of Iowa, and Mr. Rene Canales, Associate Vice President of Network Development, MCNA Dental, provided updates regarding their work with the Medicaid program dental wellness plan.

Public Comment. The committee received public comment in person and through submissions in writing. The public comments submitted in writing will be posted on the committee's Internet site.

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BRIEFINGS

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