



## COLORADO

Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

Medical Services Board

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

303 East 17th Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203  
November 18, 2022

#### Call to Order

Mr. Pump called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### Roll Call

The Board Coordinator called the roll. There were sufficient members for a quorum with seven members participating.

#### A. Members Present

Laura Carroll, Simon Hambidge, William Kinnard, Christina Mulkey, An Nguyen, David Pump and Vincent Scott

#### B. Members Excused

Barry Martin, Morgan Honea and Cecile Fraley,

#### C. Staff Present

Adela Flores-Brennan, Medicaid Director; Jennifer Weaver, Attorney General; and Chris Sykes, Board Coordinator

#### Announcements

Mr. Pump announced the next Medical Services Board Meeting will be held at 303 E 17<sup>th</sup> Ave 11<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203 on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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## **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Martin moved for the approval of the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nguyen. The minutes were approved, 7:0.

## **Rules**

### **A. Final Adoption by Consent Agenda**

Document 01, MSB 22-06-31-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Eligibility Rule Concerning Allowing Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities Members Access the HCBS-DD Waiver, Section 8.100.7.1.c.i

Dr. Mulkey moved for the final adoption of Document 01. Ms. Carroll seconded the motion.

The Board voted the final adoption of Document 01, 7:0.

### **B. Initial Approval**

Document 02, MSB 22-09-22-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning Out of State Former Foster Care members for Sections 8.100.4.H.2

Melissa Torres-Murillo, Eligibility Policy Section, presented the rule and explained revisions to include requirements to expand Former Foster Care Medicaid to members who were in foster care at the age of 18 on or after January 1, 2023, were on Medicaid, and who have become residents of Colorado from another state.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included the increased number of members expected and how that depends on other states.

Public Testimony – Soshi Pruess, Colorado Community Health Network, appreciate working with staff and the job they have done.

Dr. Hambidge moved for the initial approval of Document 02. Dr. Nguyen seconded the motion.

The Board voted the initial approval of Document 02, 7:0.

### **C. Consent Discussion**

Mr. Pump motioned to add Document 02 to the Consent Agenda.

The Board voted to add Document 02 to the Consent Agenda; 7:0.

### **D. Closing Motion**

Mr. Scott moved to close the rules portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carroll.

### **Open Comments**

Maureen Welch – Appreciate Board listening. Urge Board to urge the Department to pause the PAR. Policy problem needs to be fixed, the holidays are coming up and this can be a stressful time.

Jean Proctor – serious concerns of PDN denials. The denials are currently being appealed and blame is being placed on nursing agencies, but agencies not getting training, no known next steps. Temporary administrative approval is not enough.

Katie Wallat – Recognize the efforts the Department has made. The reinstatement date should be extended. Nearly 100 children lost all hours in October, not including reduced hours. Communication is the key to all, revisions take time.

Beth Santana – Parent, child hours have been denied. No pause, very stressful. Urge to pause the PAR.

Karen Leh – Confused what is needed from parents. Agencies are confused. Timeline confusion. Pause the PAR.

Galia Spychalska – Confusion, HCPF contradictory about needs. Stressful time and no clear criteria. Agencies don't understand administrative needs. Process not sustainable, no communication. Urge Board to help.

Heather Roberts – commensurate with other comments. Child needs not being met necessitates hiring an attorney.

Pam Rogers – parent, still confused about temporary administrative approval process. No timeline established. Notifications very confusing. Stressful time.

Jehn Jensen - I wanted to reiterate the confusion with communication to parents from KEPRO/Colorado Access. I received phone calls stating decrease in hours after my

confusing letters. I'm receiving communications from so many agencies thru so many avenues it's stress inducing and information overload that doesn't clear anything up.

Sean Sadighian – Hearings take a toll on families. Disconnect between HCPF and vendor. A tool is needed to help.

Dept Response – Administrative approval vs a full pause, the administrative approval illustrates issues so they can be identified. A full pause does not allow learning. Trainings have begun and a rule change is a longer-term strategy.

Board – Why not issue a longer out date? Discussions are on-going about a longer out date. The Administrative Pause process is not reassuring to members, what are the obstacles to Pause the PAR? Notices are being worked on and PARs are federally required.

## **Department Updates**

- Department Updates/Questions – Adela Flores-Brennan, Medicaid Director

### **The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Medical Services Board is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 303 East 17th Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203.

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