



Alaska Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) Meeting

July 10, 2023, 3:30pm- 5:00pm

Public summary of meeting and agenda review

MCAC board members, Board Chair Monk, and State of Alaska Department of Health representatives raised, reviewed, and discussed the following topics in their September meeting.

1. Concerns and possible solutions regarding
 - a. MCAC proposed federal changes to the group, and possible addition of a Beneficiary Advisory group.
 - b. Streamlining new member orientation.
 - c. Meeting agendas and topics.
2. MCAC Department facilitator reported on proposed changes by the Federal government to the structure of MCAC.
 - a. Federal proposed rule outlines changing the name to Medicaid Advisory Committee. Adding designated beneficiaries (or non-providers) to the group.
 - b. Also proposes adding a new group "Beneficiary Advisory Group" that would work parallel and in conjunction with the MAC to provide recommendations and suggestions to the Commissioner of Health.
3. Updates MCAC workgroups.
 - a. Workgroup "Unclogging Alaska's Healthcare System" presenting their progress and updated group on meetings and continued research.
 - b. Workgroup "Medicaid Nurse Triage Line" updated group on their investigation and did not provide a timeline for follow-up.
 - c. Workgroup "Medicaid Remote Patient Monitoring" updated group on their research and are looking to have a final report by end of December.
4. Division of Public Assistance Director Deb Ethridge engaged in dialogue with the board members regarding ex parte Medicaid renewals, backlog updates, and Unwinding progress.
5. Public comment:
 - a. Request for investigation into specific CPT codes that are not active and accepted for reimbursement currently by Alaska Medicaid. DOH representatives are investigating this request.
6. Upcoming topics for MCAC's consideration
 - a. Provider highlighted concern around Narcan training and increased EMS calls in their community for Fentanyl overdoses.
 - b. Issues around length of reimbursement providers are dealing with throughout the state.
 - c. Call for more interested parties to apply for the MCAC members.
 - d. Continue updates and workgroup, encourage providers to suggest topics for next meeting.