



Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) Meeting

February 12, 2024

Public summary of meeting and agenda review

MCAC board members, Board Vice-Chair Hirschfeld, and the State of Alaska Department of Health representatives raised, reviewed, and discussed the following topics in their February meeting.

1. Department representatives provided updates from the following divisions.
 - a. Department of Health, Commissioner's Office project update
 - b. Division of Health Care Services
 - c. Division of Behavioral Health
 - d. Division of Public Assistance
2. The Deputy Commissioner provided an update on the recommendation provided by the MCAC workgroup of Remote Patient Monitoring as a reimbursable service. This is still being reviewed by the Department, with hopes to have more to report at the June meeting.
3. Workgroups gave their updates about their specific projects for the committee.
 - a. Nurse Triage Line is preparing to send their recommendations to the Commissioner's Office.
 - b. The Dental subgroup is going on hiatus until further notice.
 - c. Genetic Testing Workgroup is continuing to work on expanding coverage for testing.
 - d. Unclogging the Healthcare System workgroup is continuing their work, and hope to have more to report in June.
4. Other topics discussed included.
 - a. Starting a new workgroup, possibly around Behavioral Health topics.
 - b. Continued appreciation for the collaborative effort between the Department and the committee.
5. Public comment
 - a. Concerns acknowledge via email from beneficiary around amount of money provided during Medicaid travel and the difference between the amount given and the cost of food.
 - b. No other public comment submitted during this meeting.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2024, 3:30-5:00pm