

**Medical Care Advisory Committee
Nov. 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Present

Graham Adams
John Barber
Sue Berkowitz
Dr. Amy Crockett
Amy Holbert
Tysha Holmes
Michael Leach
Melanie Matney
Tricia Richardson
Amanda Whittle

Not Present

John Barber
Maggie Cash
Dr. Thompson Gailey
Chief Brian Harris
Constance Holloway
Bill Lindsey
JT McLawhorn
Dr. Kashyap Patel
Loren Rials
Dr. Keith Shealy
Rebekah Spannagel

Director's Welcome

SCDHHS Interim Director Eunice Medina welcomed the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) members announced Robby Kerr's retirement and her confirmation as the agency's interim director. She stated the agency submitted its budget request for state fiscal year 2026. She also highlighted some key areas the agency is focusing on including the Graduate Medical Education program, adding participant spots for home and community-based services waivers and current behavioral health initiatives.

Medicaid Enrollment and Redeterminations

Eligibility, Enrollment and Member Services (EEMS) Chief of Policy and Process Lori Risk stated the agency is in normal operations and provided an update on South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid's enrollment.

There were no questions or comments.

Advisements and Updates

Advisement: FFY 2025 DSH Payments and Swing Bed Hospital and Administrative Day Rates

An overview of the advisement was provided by Chief Financial Officer Brad Livingston.

There were no questions or comments.

Advisement: Rural Hospital Outpatient Payment Methodology and Upper Payment Limit

An overview of the advisement was provided by Brad Livingston.

There were no questions or comments.

Advisement: Rate Increase for Ventilator Unit Reimbursement

An overview of the advisement was provided by Brad Livingston.

There were no questions or comments.

Advisement: Hurricane Helene Telehealth Flexibilities

An overview of the advisement was provided by Chief of Quality Jordan Desai.

There were no questions or comments.

Policy Updates

An update on Medicaid policy manuals, rates and policy changes was provided by Jordan Desai.

There were no questions or comments.

Advisement: MCO Certification and Plan Limits

An overview of the advisement was provided by Eunice Medina.

The following questions were asked.

1. Will the members receive notification if a plan is no longer available?
 - a. The agency responded yes; the members will receive notification. The managed care plan will be placed on an action plan to review with a specified number of days to complete it.
2. If a plan is no longer certified, will there be a requirement of the managed care organization (MCO) regarding claims and who is responsible once they are out of market?
 - a. The agency stated each MCO contract has a transition plan component to it. This plan details the responsibilities of the MCO in the case of a termination.
3. Can you please look at the amount of time it takes to credential a new provider?
 - a. Credentialing time is one of the performance assessments included in the new MCO certification process, which also includes network and claims payment evaluations.

Closing

The meeting was closed by thanking attendees for their participation.