

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Medicaid Advisory Committee  
November 21, 2008**

401 S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Illinois  
201 S. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois

**Members Present**

Robert Anselmo, R.Ph.  
Susan Hayes Gordon  
Debra Kinsey, DCFS  
Richard Perry, D.D.S.

**Members Absent**

Pedro A. Poma, M.D.  
Kim Mitroka, Christopher Rural Health  
Neil Winston, M.D.  
Myrtis Sullivan, DHS  
Eli Pick, Chairman  
John Shlofrock, Barton Mgt.  
Mary Driscoll, DPH  
Robyn Gabel, IMCHC

**HFS Staff**

James Parker  
Jacquetta Ellinger  
Lynne Thomas  
Steve Saunders  
Amy Wallace  
James Monk

**Interested Parties**

Marsha Hurn, Comprehensive Bleeding Disorder Center  
(CBDC)  
Miriam Cabrera, Quest Diagnostics  
Mandy Ungrittanon, Quest Diagnostics  
Kenzy Vandebroek, CDPH  
Kathy Bovid, Bristol Myers Squibb  
Judy King  
Michael Lafond, Abbott  
Kelly Dingle, Medimmune  
Joseph Winalski, Biogen Idec  
Jason Verbrugghe  
Gerri Clark, DSCC  
George Hovanec, Consultant  
Tom Sak, BioScrip  
Jeanna Guthrie, EMD Serono  
Laura Pancratz, HFI

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**I. Call to Order**

MAC member, Debra Kinsey called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Attendees in Chicago and Springfield introduced themselves.

**III. Review of the Minutes**

The September 2008 minutes were not approved for lack of a quorum.

**IV. Administrator's Report**

James Parker, Deputy Administrator for Operations, and Jacquetta Ellinger, Deputy Administrator for Policy Coordination, provided the report.

**2008 Legislative Session Update.** Mr. Parker stated that the state comptroller's office is having significant cash flow problems. The department has seen significant delays in payments to providers. There are about \$3 billion in payment requests with the comptroller and about \$600 to 700 million in Medicaid billing. The Comptroller's office is paying out on a "first in first out" basis and last working on August 13, 2008.

The payout is not that far behind for HFS. Some billing may go back to September 2008. On the expedited schedule, there is some delay with last expedited bills paid last night. The state is also off the physician schedule to pay bills in 30 to 60 days. We recognize the burden on providers.

The state is looking for solutions for the budget shortfall and is considering short-term borrowing. The comptroller expects revenues to be better in December than November. Since the end of October until now, the billing backlog has grown significantly. The situation does reflect the national situation. The department will continue as best we can to help providers in dire circumstances but it is extremely difficult to do this now.

The status of FamilyCare was reviewed. The family health plan program for adults has gone through an injunction, a stay, and we are now sending FamilyCare bills to the comptroller for payment.

Regarding processing time frames, Lynne Thomas stated that the amount of applications and the processing time is about the same as last year.

George Hovanec asked several questions including 1) the likelihood that the department will institute rate cuts; 2) about the mechanism for borrowing, and; 3) if at the federal level, we may see an increase in FMAP (federal medical assistance percentage).

Mr. Parker stated that there has been no discussion of rate cuts, to date. He advised that he had limited knowledge on short-term borrowing. Mr. Parker added that there has been discussion of an FMAP increase and Part D claw back.

Jacquetta Ellinger, Deputy Administrator for Policy Coordination, stated that there is a strong belief that the new Congress will reauthorize SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program). To the extent that states may claim for parents at a 65% match and if the income ceiling is raised to 300% of the FPL for children, reauthorization could bring much more revenue to the state.

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Ms. Ellinger stated that the department has not prepared a SCHIP fact sheet as yet. Ms. Hayes Gordon commented that a fact sheet would be helpful to tell interested parties about what SCHIP can do for Illinois.

**V. Old Business**

1) **All Kids and FamilyCare update.** Enrollment statistics through September 30, 2008 were provided. Lynne Thomas, chief of the Bureau of All Kids, stated that application processing is at 18 days. She stated that about 58% of applications come directly from families and 42% from AKAA (All Kids Application Agents). About 70% of the applications from families are done on-line. She expects the popularity of families using the on-line application to increase. She added the majority of AKAA applications are submitted through the mail and only about 25% of AKAA applications are done on-line.

2) **Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) activity.** Mr. Parker provided the update. He advised that the comptroller has paid the PCCM capitation so PCPs (primary care physicians) have received their monthly management fee. He stated that the department is concerned about the reaction of providers to slowed down payments.

The department expects to see good quarterly numbers on the HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) measures. There is also tracking of childhood immunizations using a new reporting system, ICARE. The department is working with providers to make sure they put the information into the ICARE registry to get a full accounting of services provided.

3) **Disease Management (DM).** Dr. Stephen Saunders, Medical Advisor, provided the report. He stated that there is not much new to report with enrollment numbers about the same. A lot of the focus has been in expanding the efforts in the Long Term Care (LTC) area. There are about 11,000 persons enrolled. There are nurse practitioners in 25 facilities. The department is giving patient metrics to providers including information on pharmacy use. He noted that pharmacy use in LTC facilities shows many patients with multiple prescriptions.

Dr. Saunders reported that the department is starting the year 2 reconciliation report in January. The department will document savings realized from the program in year 2 and expects to have the report out in Spring.

4) **Medicare Part D.** Mr. Parker provided the update. He stated there is currently open enrollment for participants and lots of letters have been sent out by the plans. The department has the same coordinating plans with some minor changes. Participants will receive notices regarding changes. Dual-eligibles may get a letter that their premiums are above the benchmark and so be assigned to another pharmacy plan.

5) **Dental Policy Review (DPR) Committee.** Dr. Richard Perry provided the report. The committee met on November 12 and tentatively plans to meet next on March 11, 2009.

The Illinois State Dental Society reported that they are continuing to promote the Bridge to Healthy Smiles Campaign in the spring legislative session. The campaign includes promoting increased Medicaid rates for dental services, expanding grants to local health departments for dental clinics and increased funding for loan repayment program for dentists.

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There will be an article in the DCFS December newsletter to foster and adoptive parents asking for their assistance to recruit dental practitioners who would like to enroll in the HFS dental program.

The Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) reported that there are Care Coordinators in 13 statewide offices that ensure parents and guardians know about dental services, safety net clinics and where to access dental care for children.

HFS discussed the Fluoride Varnish program targeting children at age 3 at the physician's office because dental providers often don't want to see children before age 3.

Efforts to increase access to dental care was discussed, including expanding dental clinics in local health departments and FQHCs.

Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation announced their 2009 oral health grants of \$3 million to 18 organizations – 6 in Cook County, 1 in Northern Illinois, 7 in Central Illinois and 3 in Southern Illinois.

IDPH, IFLOSS Coalition and the Illinois Primary Health Care Association hosted a meeting of statewide agencies and organizations. The meeting topic was Early Childhood Caries (ECC) and disease management.

Doral provided the Dental Champions report. Doral staff participated in several provider outreach activities and recruitment activities are ongoing. Staffs are working on updates to the dental office reference manual.

**VI. New Business**

A list of proposed dates for 2009 MAC meetings was provided. Ms. Ellinger advised that the dates reflect the established schedule for meetings but committee members could change dates if they wish. She advised that the meeting dates would be posted on the department's web site.

**VII. Subcommittee Reports**

**Long Term Care (LTC).** No report for this period.

**Public Education Subcommittee.** Ms. Ellinger provided the report. The meeting focused on MCO (managed care organization) choices. The meeting was well attended and there were good comments. The meeting was called at MAC member, Robyn Gabel's request. Ms. Ellinger advised that if other MAC members have a topic of interest, the subcommittee could organize a meeting around it.

Ms. Ellinger stated that the department had applied for a Robert Woods Johnson foundation grant focusing on children enrollment and maximum retention in state health insurance plans. The grant provides up to \$250,000 per year over the 4-year life of the grant. In the proposal, the department named the public education group as stakeholders for the grant. Stakeholders review department materials and comment on how the department communicates to families to enroll and keep enrolled.

**Pharmacy Subcommittee.** No report for this period.

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2009.

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**All Kids Report**

**Enrollment**

- Enrollment data is attached. Enrollment data as of 09/30/08:
  - a. 1,401,231 All Kids Assist (Up to 133% of FPL)
  - b. 73,800 All Kids Rebate, Share, Premium Level 1 (133% to 200% of FPL)
  - c. 68,258 All Kids expansion children

**Web-based application capability**

We implemented our web-based application statewide on August 11, 2005. Since then, we have received a total 166,381 web apps: 111,192 from the general public and 55,189 from AKAA's.

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	5/31/2008		6/30/2008		7/31/2008		8/31/2008	9/30/2008
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Current	Current
	Numbers							
Pre-expansion children	1,266,974	1,273,485	1,276,742	1,281,226	1,279,479	1,286,939	1,293,692	1,296,663
All Kids Phase I	98,203	98,752	100,041	100,458	100,905	101,698	103,415	104,568
All Kids Phase II	66,855	66,751	66,542	66,500	66,316	66,202	65,804	65,531
All Kids Phase III	6,918	6,916	7,395	7,395	7,700	7,687	8,054	8,269
All Kids Expansion	64,716	64,997	65,942	66,081	66,692	66,963	67,628	68,258
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,503,666</b>	<b>1,510,901</b>	<b>1,516,662</b>	<b>1,521,660</b>	<b>1,521,092</b>	<b>1,529,489</b>	<b>1,538,593</b>	<b>1,543,289</b>
All Kids Assist	1,365,177	1,372,237	1,376,783	1,381,684	1,380,384	1,388,637	1,397,107	1,401,231
All Kids Rebate, Share, Premium Level 1	73,773	73,667	73,937	73,895	74,016	73,889	73,858	73,800
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