



Medical Assistance Advisory Council Managed Care Policy Oversight and Involvement

Purpose

The purpose of the Medical Assistance Advisory Council is to advise the Director about health and medical care services under the medical assistance program. Additionally, the MAAC will provide recommendations related to the Medicaid managed care program, called IA Health Link.

Vision

The Iowa Department of Human Services and the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC) will collaborate to share information, progress reports and gather feedback regarding the Medicaid managed care program, IA Health Link.

Call to Action

The MAAC will also act as a valued partner with the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS). Members will serve as the liaisons for information sharing to those whom they represent, ensuring that information related to Iowa Medicaid is distributed and understood.

MAAC members will be equipped with the most recent program information, educational materials and resources to help champion initiatives launched by DHS.

MAAC Meeting Process

The MAAC will follow meeting guidelines and process set forth in state legislation and Iowa Administrative Code.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, elected in May 2015 by MAAC members, shall meet on a monthly basis. The Executive Committee consists of ten members, five from professional organizations and five representing consumer organizations and/or family members. The Medicaid Director and supporting DHS staff shall attend the monthly meetings to provide members with detailed program updates and participate in discussion.

The MAAC Executive Committee, per Senate File 505, will be responsible for assessing feedback received from members, stakeholders, providers, community advocates and the general public and making formal recommendations based on the feedback to the Iowa Department of Human Services. See Public Meetings section for additional details.

Executive Committee members include:

- Chairperson
 - Gerd Clabaugh, Iowa Department of Public Health
- Representing Hospitals
 - Dan Royer, Iowa Hospital Association
- Representing Nursing and Long Term Care
 - Cindy Baddeloo, Iowa Health Care Association/Iowa Center for Assisted Living

- Representing Physicians
 - Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society
- Representing Other Medical and Support Services
 - Shelly Chandler, Iowa Association of Community Providers
- Representing Pharmacies
 - Jess Purcell Smith, Iowa Pharmacy Association
- Representing the Public and Consumer Organizations
 - Anthony Carroll, AARP
 - Kristie Oliver, Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa
 - Jim Cushing, Iowa Association for Area Agencies on Aging
 - Nancy Hale, NAMI Iowa
 - Paula Connolly, Public Member

Full Council

The full council shall meet on a quarterly basis. Formal membership on the full council is outlined in Iowa Administrative Code, 249A.4B. Each identified organization shall designate a representative to attend meetings and receive correspondence. Meetings will be open to the public, however, voting and decision making will be restricted to formal member organizations. The full council is chaired by the Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health. The Medicaid Director and supporting DHS staff shall attend the monthly meetings to provide members with detailed program updates and participate in discussion.

Full Council Membership:

https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/SFY16_MAAC_Members_July2015.pdf

Managed Care Public Meetings and MAAC's Role

Per Senate File 505, DHS will hold monthly statewide meetings to gather input from members, stakeholders and the general public on the managed care transition and implementation.

- Meetings will be held in both rural and urban areas, and comments will be collected by DHS during the meetings.
- Set to begin in March 2016, a schedule of the meetings will be released.
- Comments will be compiled and shared at the next month's MAAC Executive Committee meeting. The MAAC Executive Committee will review the comments and make formal recommendations to DHS.
- The formal recommendations will be shared at each quarterly full council MAAC meeting.

Additional Elements of MAAC's Role

1. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise will enlist the MAAC Executive Committee to participate in the public meetings and ask each member to attend at least one meeting a year throughout Iowa so they can obtain first-hand knowledge about Medicaid managed care in that community.
2. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise will enlist the MAAC full committee to assist with providing information and education to the various associations and members regarding the Medicaid modernization programs and services. This outreach is critical to ensure that the information about the Medicaid managed care program is communicated consistently to avoid miscommunication about the program.

Managed Care Reporting to MAAC

1. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise will develop a standardized reporting tool that will be utilized at the public meetings.
2. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise will develop a Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Dashboard tool that will be utilized to report the various key areas as outlined in the RFP to be reported to the legislative oversight committee. Included in this dashboard will be the summation of the Public Meetings.

Initial Meeting Schedule

**Locations only, additional details to be released*

Month	Location
March 2016	Mason City
April 2016	Burlington
May 2016	Dubuque
June 2016	Council Bluffs
July 2016	Cedar Rapids
August 2016	Fort Dodge
September 2016	Waterloo
October 2016	Sioux City
November 2016	Ottumwa
December 2016	Des Moines

Legislative References

MAAC Federal Statute: [Title 42 §431.12](#)

MAAC State Statute: [Medical Assistance, §249A.4B](#)

MAAC State Administrative Code: [Chapter 441-79.7 \(249A\)](#)

Managed Care Oversight: [Senate File 505](#)