

Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

February 24, 2023 · 1:00 PM

Woolfolk Building – Conference Room 145

501 North West Street, Jackson, MS 39201

I. Call to Order

- Dr. David Reeves called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

- Dr. David Reeves called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.
- **Voting members in attendance: Dr. David Reeves, Dr. James Rish (attending virtually), Mr. Benny Hubbard, Dr. Justin Brewer (attending virtually), Dr. Charles O'Mara, Ms. Phaedre Cole, Dr. Daniel Edney, Mr. Lee Bond, Dr. Jasmin Chapman, DDS, Mr. Kent Nicaud**
- **Voting members not in attendance: Dr. Billy Long**
- **Legislators in Attendance: Senator Kevin Blackwell (attending virtually)**

III. Approval of meeting minutes from October 21, 2022

- *Motion: Dr. O'Mara*
- *Second: Mr. Hubbard*
- *Meeting minutes were approved unanimously*

IV. Old Business:

- Tobacco Cessation Update
 - Wil Ervin offered an update on recommendations made by the subcommittee explaining the Division is working towards adding tobacco cessation counseling coverage to additional populations. In addition, the age recommendations to cover Low Dose CT screening for lung cancer is being updated with an effective date of December 1, 2023.
- IMD and CCBHC Update
 - Wil Ervin explained the Division has engaged with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to discuss opportunities to extend the current 15 days of coverage. He also shared that through a collaborative effort, the CCBHC grant application has been submitted. Dr. Edney thanked the Division for this work.

V. New Business:

- Congenital Syphilis
 - Dr. Thomas Dobbs made a presentation about the recent increase in cases of syphilis including increased cases of babies being born infected with syphilis. Dr. Dobbs shared specifics on how syphilis affects both women and babies along with proper treatment of the disease. Dr. Dobbs discussed the importance of screening, access to early treatment and contact tracing and treatment of all partners. Committee members discussed the issue and offered support towards this effort and agreed to work together towards prevention and treatment of congenital syphilis.
- Medicaid Programmatic Updates were offered by Drew Snyder and included information on the end of the Public Health Emergency, Eligibility unwinding plans

along with the MESA fiscal agent transition. He offered information on ways both members and providers could stay best informed on both redetermination timelines and MESA updates as well.

- Legislative Updates were shared by Trip Polles including current status of postpartum eligibility extension and non-emergency transportation legislation.

VI. Next Meeting – After the meeting, an electronic poll was conducted to determine the next date and is scheduled for Friday, May 19th, 2023 at 1:00pm.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Dr. O'Mara

Second- Benny Hubbard

Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously