

Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

May 19, 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 (attending virtually), Dr. Charles O'Mara, Dr. Daniel Edney, Mr. Lee Bond (attending virtually), Mr. Kent Nicaud (attending virtually), Dr. Justin Brewer (attending virtually) and Dr. Billy Long**
- **Voting members not in attendance: Phaedre Cole, Dr. Jasmin Chapman**
- **Legislators in Attendance: Senator Kevin Blackwell (attending virtually) and Senator Hob Bryan**

III. Approval of meeting minutes from February 24, 2022

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

IV. Old Business:

- Tobacco Cessation Update- Tiffany Johnson from MSDH (Mississippi State Department of Health) offered an update explaining the agency's continuing cessation efforts. In January 2023, they held a kickoff meeting with the Division of Medicaid (DOM) and in March 2023, meetings were conducted with Coordinated Care Organizations to develop outreach strategies. They plan to follow up with the organizations in July 2023. These efforts have yielded accomplishments such as revision to the MS Medicaid Provider Guide, DOM becoming an active presenter during the MS Tobacco Control Advisory Council Meetings, MS Tobacco Control Network Meetings, and other stakeholder engagements.
- Congenital Syphilis Update- Dr. Paul Byers, MSDH gave an update on the recent increase in Syphilis cases, particularly the increased rate of infants being born with the disease. He discussed how the disease is completely treatable, the importance of screenings, access to early treatment, and treatment of all partners. Dr. Byers explained that physicians who are providing prenatal care are now required to perform syphilis testing in the first trimester of care or at the initial visit, the third trimester, and again at delivery. He also shared that benzylpenicillin is the primary penicillin used to treat syphilis.
- Medicaid Programmatic Updates - Director Drew Snyder offered updates about the ending of the Public Health Emergency including the status of eligibility redeterminations as required by CMS and prompted by the end of the PHE resumed on April 1, 2023. He also offered policy updates including the elimination of copays and the 12-month extension of postpartum coverage.

V. New Business: No new business

VI. **Next Meeting** – After the meeting, an electronic poll was conducted to determine the next date and is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2023 at 1:00pm.

VII. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn- Dr. Long

Second- Dr. O'Mara

Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously