



# MEETING MINUTES

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November 2, 2018  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Location:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
7D Conference Room

**The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present:**

- Denise Daly Konrad                      Chair of CHIPAC
- Michele Chesser                        Vice Chair of CHIPAC
- Amy Edwards                            Membership Subcommittee Chair

**The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were absent:**

- Sherry Sinkler-Crawley                Member at Large
- Ashley Everette                        Member at Large

**The following DMAS staff members were present:**

- Rebecca Anderson, Manager, Policy Planning and Innovation Division
- Hope Richardson, Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Innovation Division

**Minutes**

Denise Daly Konrad, Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

**I. CHIPAC Business**

**A. Review of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meeting.**

Executive Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the previous Executive Subcommittee meeting. No changes were requested.

**B. Membership Subcommittee Update.** Amy Edwards, CHIPAC Membership Chair, provided the membership update. The Executive Subcommittee discussed potential members to fill the vacant spot on the committee. The bylaws do not require a minimum number of CHIPAC members, aside from the six mandated agency/organizational members. The bylaws set a maximum of 20 members. There

are currently a total of 19 members. The group continued a discussion from the previous Executive Subcommittee meeting regarding potential member organizations. Members continued to express interest in having a parent/family representative serve on the Committee, possibly with organizational backup, since it can be difficult for working parents to attend a meeting held during the day. Hope Richardson, DMAS, noted that the Agency is currently organizing a Member Advisory Committee (MAC) composed entirely of Medicaid members who will advise DMAS on the member perspective. The group agreed that the Membership Chair would initiate exploratory conversations with potential organizational members to gauge interest. The group agreed to continue discussions at the next Executive Subcommittee meeting.

**C. FAMIS MOMS and FAMIS Select 1115 Waiver renewal.** Richardson explained the process for renewal of the federal Section 1115 Demonstration waiver that authorizes FAMIS MOMS and FAMIS Select. The waiver allows DMAS flexibility in operating these two programs. FAMIS MOMS provides coverage for pregnant women below 200% of the federal poverty level who are not eligible for Medicaid, and FAMIS Select is a premium assistance program that subsidizes part of the cost of private or employer-sponsored insurance for FAMIS-eligible children and their families. Both programs began in 2005 and most recently were renewed for the three-year period July 2016 through June 2019. It is now time for Virginia to submit an application for the renewal, by the end of 2018. There are no changes requested to the programs, and DMAS is requesting a five-year extension. As part of the federal waiver renewal application process, DMAS will hold two public meetings. DMAS plans to hold a public hearing at 600 East Broad Street on November 30. The second hearing will be incorporated into the December 6 CHIPAC quarterly meeting at Westerre Conference Center, 3831 Westerre Parkway, Henrico, VA. This is the procedure that was followed when DMAS last applied for renewal of the waiver in 2015.

DMAS has invited Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) to present to CHIPAC on the recently completed annual Birth Outcomes Study, which provides much of the data for the evaluation of FAMIS MOMS. HSAG will present from 2-2:30 PM at the December 6 CHIPAC meeting. They will present remotely via WebEx or a similar technology. DMAS staff will then provide an overview of the waiver/programs. DMAS will circulate the draft renewal application prior to the meeting, after its public release, for CHIPAC members to review. As usual, this will be a public meeting, with members of the public invited to attend and make public comment. In this case, however, public comment will also be invited specifically on the topic of the waiver renewal application. DMAS will announce the public comment period, with additional details regarding the two planned public meetings, via the Virginia Town Hall and Commonwealth Calendar websites, and will post the draft application on the DMAS website later this month, in compliance with the required CMS timeline.

**D. Public Charge letter.** CHIPAC passed a motion at its June meeting in response to the then-unpublished federal Department of Homeland Security Proposed Rule on Public Charge. (The Proposed Rule has now been formally published in the Federal Register and the public comment period is open.) CHIPAC decided at the June meeting to draft a letter to the DMAS Director and Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources on the potential impact and harm caused to Virginia's children by the proposed changes to public charge policy. The letter will recommend the Secretary submit public comment to the federal government.

Daly Konrad provided an update on the status of the CHIPAC public charge letter, stating that she is currently completing revisions to the draft letter that will then be circulated to CHIPAC next week for members' review and approval. The letter will highlight the "chilling effect" that could occur when individuals are increasingly faced with immigration-related repercussions of applying for medical assistance benefits for themselves and their family members, and the concerns this presents for children's enrollment and for children's health during critical developmental years.

**E. Mental health dashboard indicators.** Richardson and Daly Konrad reported to the group regarding the progress of the CHIPAC Mental Health workgroup. DMAS Policy Planning & Innovation staff continue to work with DMAS subject matter experts to refine proposed dashboard charts analyzing claims data on children enrolled in FAMIS and FAMIS Plus with mental health diagnoses. The Mental Health workgroup has reviewed preliminary child mental health data provided by DMAS and requested to see the claims data narrowed to include only primary diagnosis. DMAS is reworking the appropriate charts to reflect this new data run. The workgroup also continues to explore appropriate national and Virginia child mental health utilization data to use as benchmarks. Richardson requested clarification regarding chairmanship of the mental health workgroup to streamline decision-making processes. Richardson will reach out to workgroup members to resolve these questions and designate one or more subcommittee chairs. The Mental Health workgroup continues to closely follow the collaboration of DMAS, Virginia Dept. of Health, and Virginia Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, facilitated by the Farley Health Policy Center, in assessing the Commonwealth's behavioral health system and developing a comprehensive system reform plan for a continuum of community-based, integrated, evidence-based behavioral health services. The CHIPAC Mental Health workgroup will track future reports by the Farley Center related to this project and identify relevant data/outcome measures from these publications that CHIPAC may also wish to monitor in the coming months and years.

## **II. DMAS Update**

Rebecca Anderson delivered an update from DMAS. She reported that average total DMAS monthly enrollment growth was 0.1% overall for state fiscal 2019 year-to-date.

Anderson stated that the Medallion 4.0 managed care program continues its phased roll-out as follows:

Tidewater	August 1
Central Virginia	September 1
Northern Virginia	October 1
Charlottesville/Western Virginia	November 1
Roanoke/Alleghany and SW Virginia	December 1

Anderson reported on several developments regarding Medicaid Adult Eligibility Expansion:

- An Enrollment Pathways toolkit for ambassadors/champions was posted to Cover Virginia last week.
- Cover Virginia subscription numbers are now up to 13,000. Individuals can receive text updates by texting COVERAGE to 268-782 (COVRVA).
- Mailings to key member groups/potential member groups impacted by expansion (e.g., GAP, Plan First, SNAP recipients) occurred last week.
- An ad campaign for enrollment will begin after Election Day.
- DMAS, DSS, Cover Virginia and the Central Processing Unit were fully staffed and ready to begin accepting applications starting November 1. There is also staffing contingency planning in place in case volume exceeds planned. (The call center received a record-breaking number of calls - topping 6,000 - on November 1.)
- MCO contracts have been forwarded to the MCOs. HSAG readiness reviews are ongoing.
- The public comment period just concluded in relation to the 1115 waiver request to allow community engagement requirements and cost sharing. The vast majority of comments received were opposed to the requirements. DMAS will be submitting its 1115 waiver application to CMS by November 4.
- DMAS is working to ensure provider adequacy through outreach (townhalls throughout state), through partnership with VCU, examination of network adequacy with emphasis on primary provider access; providing one-on-one support and outreach to free clinics to encourage and ease their application to become DMAS providers.
- The most critical expansion-related systems modification contracts have been executed. This includes contract support for additional workload involving provider assessment, service authorization, data sharing and transportation, among other areas.

Daly Konrad stated that she anticipated CHIPAC members will be interested in asking operations-related questions about Medicaid expansion at the December CHIPAC meeting. She stated that CHIPAC members will likely be interested in the response to the express application process. She requested that DMAS work to ensure that individuals from DMAS and VDSS attend the meeting who can speak to these operations-related questions if possible. Daly Konrad also noted that CHIPAC members may be interested in monitoring the “woodwork effect” of new children signing up for coverage because parents are now eligible for Medicaid under expanded eligibility for parents and other adults.

Anderson reported on the Medicaid Enterprise Solutions (MES) project, a modular cloud-based information technology system DMAS is transitioning to. There are eight modules that make up the MES system:

Enterprise Data Warehouse	Encounter Processing Solution	Care Management Solution
Appeals	Pharmacy Benefit Mgmt	Provider Services Solution
Operations Services Solution Plan Management Enterprise Content Mgmt	Third Party Liability Oracle Financial Management	

There are multiple tracks for development and roll-out, with expected full roll-out by the close of calendar year 2020 (all but the Enterprise Data Warehouse are targeted for full roll-out by the close of 2019).

### **III. Agenda items for the December 6 Full Committee Meeting**

The committee agreed on the following draft agenda for the Dec. 6 meeting. *However, note that a change was made after the meeting to the time slot for the Health Services Advisory Group presentation (it will be from 2-2:30 pm), and therefore CHIPAC business will be consolidated under item 1 of the agenda (approx. 1-2 pm). Please see updated agenda for Dec. 6 meeting on TownHall / Commonwealth Calendar.*

- 1) CHIPAC Business, Part I**
  - a. Review/approval of minutes from June 7 meeting
  - b. Membership update
  - c. Review/approval of CHIPAC meeting schedule for 2019
- 2) Birth Outcomes Study Presentation, Health Services Advisory Group**
- 3) CHIPAC Business, Part II**
  - a. CHIPAC Dashboard review
    - i. Mental Health data/workgroup update
  - b. DHS Proposed Rule on Public Charge – update on CHIPAC letter
- 4) DMAS Update; FAMIS MOMS and FAMIS Select 1115 Waiver Renewal Update**

- 5) VDSS Update
- 6) Public Comment
- 7) Agenda for March 7 CHIPAC Meeting

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.