



Plan for the 2021-2022 Report Cycle

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

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Overview

- How topics get on the agenda
- Criteria for inclusion
- Range of topics and specific projects:
 - Congressionally mandated
 - Continuing
 - New
- Opportunities for stakeholders to share information

How do topics get on the agenda?

- Specific requests from Congress
- Direction of Commissioners
- Continuation of prior work
- Anticipated areas of legislative or regulatory action
- Staff identification of issues

Criteria for inclusion

- Significant to Commissioners and stakeholders
- Within MACPAC's statutory authority
- Clearly defined
- Amenable to analysis
- Not normative
- Could be addressed through changes in policy
- Feasible given MACPAC resources

Topics in analytic plan

- Access
- Behavioral health
- COVID
- Disparities/health equity
- Dually eligible beneficiaries
- Eligibility and enrollment
- Long-term services and supports
- Managed care
- Maternal health
- Prescription drugs and vaccines
- Program integrity
- Provider payment
- Social determinants of health
- Spending and financing
- Value
- Waivers

Congressionally mandated items

- Should Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration criteria for qualified residences be aligned with the home- and community-based (HCBS) settings rule?*
- What is the relationship between disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments and various measures (e.g., number of uninsured individuals, uncompensated care costs for hospitals)

Note: * (on this and subsequent slides) indicates that the topic will be discussed at the September meeting)

Continuing work

- Behavioral health: How can adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) improve clinical integration?*
- Medicaid's response to COVID
- Dually eligible beneficiaries: Can federal policy be used to move states towards greater use of integrated models?
- Eligibility and enrollment: How do technology changes affect how beneficiaries receive program information? *
- Maternal health: How can access to nurse midwives and birth centers be increased? What role can doulas play?
- Prescription drugs and vaccines: Are there federal policy changes that could increase access to adult vaccines?*
- Provider payment/directed payments: Are directed payments an effective way to promote access and quality?
- Spending and financing: How will territories be affected by changes in federal financing at the beginning of fiscal year 2022?*

New work

- Access: What steps could be taken to strengthen efforts to monitor access in Medicaid?*
- Home and community-based services rebalancing: benefit design, direct care workforce
- Eligibility: To what extent do Medicaid enrollees churn on and off coverage? Does this affect discussions about continuous eligibility?*
- Managed care: How do state procurement practices affect the achievement of policy goals related to efficiency, access, and value?
- Managed care: How do federal rules and processes for ratesetting affect efficiency, access, and value?
- Provider payment: What is the role of Medicaid payment policy in ensuring adequate nursing facility staffing?
- Provider payment: How do state Medicaid programs address the social determinants of health and what implementation barriers do they face?
- Disparities and health equity

Schedule

- Meetings in October, December, January, March, and April
- Any votes on recommendations will take place no later than:
 - January for March report
 - April for June report
- Early feedback is most helpful
- Reach out to key staff or send info to comments@macpac.gov



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