**MACPAC’s agenda for the 2024-2025 Meeting Cycle**

Want to stay up to date on some of the topics the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) will address during our 2024-2025 meetings? Here’s a look at some of the areas of focus in Medicaid policy that MACPAC plans to examine in our meetings, reports to Congress and other publications. **Our analytic agenda includes, but is not limited to**:

**Children and Youth:**

* Access issues for children and youth with special health care needs

*MACPAC will examine how Medicaid policy addresses transitions from pediatric to adult care*

*for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and whether there are barriers to these transitions that could be addressed in federal policy.*

* Child welfare

*We will look at whether federal Medicaid requirements provide appropriate access to meet the unique needs of youth involved in the child welfare system, as well as the approaches that states use to ensure access to care for this population.*

**Behavioral Health**:

* Medications for opioid use disorder

*MACPAC will examine whether and how coverage and utilization of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) changed as a result of the MOUD benefit mandate that took effect in October 2020.*

* Residential treatment programs

*We will look at whether states have the tools they need to provide access to residential treatment to children and youth with behavioral health needs enrolled in Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*.

**Long-term care**

* Home-and community-based services (HCBS), including self-direction
* Long-term services and supports, timely access to HCBS, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

*MACPAC will explore topics such as how states design and administer self-directed programs for HCBS, and the barriers that exist for self-directed HCBS.*

**Managed Care**

* Accountability
* Automation in prior authorization

*Managed care is the primary delivery system in Medicaid, with almost three out of every four Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in managed care. MACPAC will continue to explore how states and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) use external quality review organizations (EQROs) to conduct oversight of managed care programs and improve quality. We will also continue our work to examine the extent that prior authorization is used in Medicaid, the key issues related to prior authorization, and the effect of automation on prior authorization.*

**Provider payment**

* Hospitals and drugs and the hospital payment index
* HCBS payment

*MACPAC will continue its work exploring how new provider-level supplemental payment and directed payment data can be used to assess whether hospital payment policies are consistent with the Medicaid statutory goals of economy, efficiency, economy and access. We will also look at the financial and non-financial policies that states and managed care plans are implementing to address the HCBS worker shortage.*

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