

## Results of MCAC Voting - July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Rank	Topic	Description of Issue
1	Medicaid Adult Expansion (administrative costs)	Recommendation to participate in the optional expansion populations utilizing the Governor's Healthy Utah Plan or another alternative. While Federal funding pays for the services delivered for optional expansion populations, the costs associated with the administration of these new recipients is not included.
2	Adult Dental Coverage	Lack of coverage can allow issues that could be resolved with preventative care treatment to escalate in severity. In addition, treatment for dental issues may assist job seekers.
3	12-Month Continuous Eligibility for Children on Medicaid	Recommendation to adopt similar policy as the CHIP program allowing children found eligible for Medicaid to remain on the program for a 12-month period.
4	Adult Vision Coverage	Request to re-instate vision benefits for Adults on Medicaid. Currently there is no coverage for frames/lenses only for eye exams.
5	Transition Program	Program provides funding to allow individuals who are residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID's) the opportunity to move to one of the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waivers and reside in a less restrictive environment.
6	Additional Funding for Medically Complex Children's Waiver	Request to add an additional \$2.2 Million per year of the 3 year Medically Complex Children's Waiver program pilot period.
7	CHIP Outreach	Provide State funding to promote enrollment in the CHIP program, with potential emphasis on hispanic/minority communities. (Request was for \$250k of State funding).
8	Specialty Rate Reimbursement	Request to increase rates for specialty services to match reimbursement from Medicare. Current rates are 26% below provider cost, while Medicare is just below provider cost. Seeking to match the policy incorporated from the Affordable Care Act which was applied to Primary Care Physicians.
9	Elimination of 5-year Bar for Legal Immigrants to Receive Medicaid	Currently, most resident aliens legally residing in Utah are subject to a 5-year period in which they are not eligible to receive Medicaid services. The State has the option to reduce or remove this requirement.
9	Occupational Therapy Rates and Reimbursement for Children	Current reimbursement is \$20.00 per visit, with a scheduled visit lasting approximately 45 minutes which is leading to an access to care issue for Medicaid recipients. Recommend altering reimbursement to \$15.00 per quarter hour. (Private insurance rates currently reimburse at \$123 per session). Recommend also addressing rates set for evaluations.
11	Assisted Living Rates (New Choices Waiver Program)	Proposal 1 - Increase rates approximately 10% while creating 3 tiers for payments based on Type I, Type II and Memory Care facilities. Proposal 2 - Create 3 tiers of payments for Assisted Living Facilities (Type I, Type II and Memory Care) while increasing rates for Type I facilities by 4% and increasing Type II and Memory Care reimbursement by 30% to align with private pay rates.

<b>12</b>	Chronic Disease Self-Management Education	Open CPT Code 98962 and determine appropriate rate to reimburse providers who educate Medicaid participants in the management of their chronic conditions.
<b>13</b>	Pharmacist Involvement in Preventative Care	Extend reimbursable services for pharmacists beyond the dispensing of medications to also include care management activities related to the management of conditions such as hypertension and diabetic care.