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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.
Chair, Board of Medical Assistance Services

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

Daniel Timberlake
Director, Department of Planning and Budget

FROM: Cynthia B. Jones *CBJ/lf*
Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

SUBJECT: Report on the Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee

The 2013 Appropriation Act, Item 307 MMMM states, "Effective July 1, 2013, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall establish a Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee..." Attached is the first annual report of the Committee's activities, which is required by October 1 of each year, to the Board of Medical Assistance Services, the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and the Department of Planning and Budget.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (804) 786-8099.

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Enclosure

pc: The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr., MD, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

**Department of Medical Assistance Services
Annual Report to the General Assembly**

Report on the Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee

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The Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee membership is comprised of representatives from the physician organizations specified in the budget language referenced above. It also includes participation by representatives from DMAS' contracted managed care organizations, the Virginia Association of Health Plans, the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, and the Virginia Nurses Association. The current membership roster is enclosed.

The Committee is charged with working with DMAS to:

- Investigate the implementation of quality, cost-effective health care initiatives;
- Remove administrative obstacles to quality, cost-effective patient care;
- Identify means to increase provider participation in the Medicaid program; and
- Address other matters as raised by DMAS or committee members.

DMAS held the inaugural meeting of the Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee at its offices in Richmond on August 22, 2013. The meeting began with a review of the aforementioned charge to the Committee. In order to ensure that all Committee members had a clear understanding of ongoing Medicaid reform efforts in Virginia and the current status of Medicaid managed care operations, DMAS' senior management team presented information on the status of various agency initiatives, as well as agency direction on reform and enhanced quality improvement measures in its programs. Additional presentations addressed the Medicaid rate increase for primary care physician services and new Medicaid provider screening/credentialing regulations. All of these presentations may be accessed online at http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-mpmc.aspx. The agenda from the meeting is included with this report.

The meeting concluded with discussion of the direction and purpose of the Committee, including possible future meeting agendas. A Committee member suggested establishing work groups with Committee volunteers to address each of the four charges specified in the budget language. These work groups could meet prior to the second meeting of the full Committee. DMAS will seek further input from Committee members on establishing these work groups.

Medicaid Physician & Managed Care Liaison Committee Members

Organization

American Academy of Pediatrics
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Radiology
Anthem Healthkeepers Plus
Board of Medical Assistance Services
CoventryCares of Virginia
InTOTAL
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States
MajestaCare
Medical Society of Virginia
Optima Family Care
Psychiatric Society of Virginia
Virginia Academy of Family Physicians
Virginia Association of Health Plans
Virginia College Emergency Physicians
Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners
Virginia Medical Group Management Association
Virginia Nurses Association
Virginia Premier Health Plans

Representative

Ted Abernathy
Stephen Bendheim
John Grizzard
David Buchsbaum
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Ira Bloomfield
Cheryl Ricciardi
Jody Crane / Douglas Cappiello
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Medicaid Physician & Managed Care Liaison Committee Meeting

August 22, 2013, from 10:00 AM
Noon in Conference Room 7A/B
600 East Broad St. Richmond, VA 23219

Meeting 1 AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions	Cindi B. Jones, Director Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)	10:00 am
II. Goals and Objectives of the Meetings	Cindi B. Jones / Committee Members	10:10 pm
III. Overview of Medicaid Reform in Virginia	Cindi B. Jones	10:25 pm
IV. Managed Care and Quality Initiative Overview	Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Programs, DMAS	10:45 pm
V. Primary Care Rate Increase/Vaccination Rate	Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, DMAS	11:10 am
VI. Physician Screening	Tom Edicola, Division Director, Program Operations	11:25 am
VII. Discussion of Agenda Topics for Future Meetings	Cindi B. Jones / Committee Members	11:40 am
VI. Wrap Up and Next Steps	Cindi B. Jones	11:55 am