



Maryland Primary Care Program

Advisory Council Reappointments & Nominations

June 17, 2021

Overview of the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP)

- A voluntary program under Maryland's Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Model that launched in January 2019
- Provides funding and support for the delivery of advanced primary care
- Supports health care transformation by enabling primary care providers to have an increased role in preventing and managing chronic disease and reducing unnecessary hospital utilization
- An advanced alternative payment model, which is a care delivery and payment model that incentivizes high quality care

Purpose of the Advisory Council

- Provides input from key stakeholders on operations of the MDPCP
- Serves a consultative and advisory role to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and the MDPCP Program Management Office (PMO)



MHCC's Role

Staff provides administrative management and support services, such as:

- Convening the Advisory Council
- Selecting representatives and making recommendations on reappointments, in collaboration with the PMO and the Health Services Cost Review Commission
- Researching issues under consideration by the Advisory Council
- Examining specific issues in the TCOC Model or the Medicaid Program that affects the MDPCP, as requested by the Advisory Council

Membership Reappointments and Nominations

Reappointments:

- **Robert Berenson, MD** – *Expertise in Advanced Primary Care and Comprehensive Primary Care Plus Representative*
- **Stacia Cohen, RN** – *Private Payer Representative*

Nominations:

- **Stacy Garrett-Ray, MD** – *Health Systems Representative*
- **Kathleen Loughran** – *Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) Representative*

Advanced Primary Care Representative Reappointment

Robert Berenson, MD, FACP

Dr. Berenson is an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute and a board-certified internist with more than 20 years of experience. Dr. Berenson was previously Director of the Center for Health Plans and Providers at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. He also served as Vice Chair of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Private Payer Representative Reappointment

Stacia Cohen, RN, MBA

Ms. Cohen is the Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield. Ms. Cohen oversees CareFirst's Patient-Centered Medical Home and Total Care and Cost Improvement programs, medical and care coordination policies, pharmacy policies, and provider networks. Prior to joining CareFirst, Ms. Cohen was Vice President of Medicare for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Health Systems Representative Nominee

Stacy Garrett-Ray, MD, MPH, MBA

Dr. Garrett-Ray is the Vice President and Medical Director of the University of Maryland Medical System's Population Health Services Organization and President of both the University of Maryland Quality Care Network and Transform Health MD, a Care Transformation Organization. Dr. Garrett-Ray previously served as the Medical Director of the Baltimore City Cancer Program of University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center.

Medicaid MCO Representative Nominee

Kathleen Loughran

Ms. Loughran is the Vice President of Government Relations for Amerigroup. Ms. Loughran has over 28 years of experience advising government and for-profit organizations on health care issues in commercial and Medicaid markets. Prior to joining Amerigroup, Ms. Loughran was Associate Commissioner of Policy and Government Affairs at the Maryland Insurance Administration.

Commission Action

Staff recommends the Commission approve:

- Reappointments for Robert Berenson and Stacia Cohen
- Nominations for Stacy Garrett-Ray and Kathleen Loughran



APPENDIX



Membership

NO. OF SLOTS	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
4	Primary Care (Minimum of Three from MDPCP)	Nkem Okeke , MD, Medicalincls Michael Riebman , MD, Maryland Primary Care Joseph Weidner , MD, Stone Run Family Medicine Cathy Chapman , MD, Chapman and Associates Health Care
1	Maryland Hospital Association (MHA)	Bob Atlas , MHA
2	Health Systems	Scott Berkowitz , MD, Johns Hopkins Vacant
1	Care Transformation Organization	Gene Ransom , MedChi
3	Expertise in Advanced Primary Care and CPC+	Michael Barr , MD, National Committee for Quality Assurance Robert Berenson , MD, The Urban Institute Debora Kuchka-Craig , MedStar Health
2	Private Payers	Stacia Cohen , CareFirst Mai Pham , MD; Anthem

Membership

NO. OF SLOTS	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
1	Medicaid MCO	Vacant
1	Medicaid Advisory Committee	Scott Rose ; Sheppard Pratt Health System
2	Medicare Beneficiary	Kevin Hayes ; Consultant Vacant
1	Consumer Representative	Robyn Elliot ; Public Policy Partners
1	Medicaid	Steven Schuh
1	MHCC	Ben Steffen
1	HSCRC	Willem Daniel
1	PMO	Howard Haft, MD

Key Discussion Items – Quarter 3 (2020)

Areas for alignment between the national Primary Care First Model (PCF) and MDPCP including the following:

- Total monthly payments, including performance-based payment and flat rate visit fees
- Quality and utilization measurement and Care Transformation Organization (CTO) participation
- National benchmarking for performance-based adjustments, quality and utilization measures development, and Seriously Ill Population program structure
- Alignment of measures with the Maryland TCOC Model
- Inclusion of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Key Discussion Items – Quarter 4 (2020)

- Feedback from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) on draft Track 3 requirements for FQHC and CTO participation
- Results of a preliminary analysis by hMetrix of Track 3 payment models
- Draft Track document for CMMI including areas of alignment and differentiation from PCF

Meeting Summaries

- MDPCP meeting summaries and recordings are available at:
mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/Pages/apc/apc/apc.aspx