



Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) Advisory Council Reappointments and Nominations

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MDPCP Overview

- ▶ A voluntary program under Maryland's Total Cost of Care (TCOC) open to all qualifying Maryland primary care providers
- ▶ 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 diseases and reducing unnecessary hospital utilization
- ▶ The program is an alternative payment model, which is a care delivery and payment model that incentivizes high quality care



Advisory Council - Key Activities

- ▶ Make recommendations for inclusion in the State's annual report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the MDPCP
- ▶ Consider operational improvements to the MDPCP, including suggested modifications to the care delivery requirements
- ▶ Gather data from MDPCP participants and beneficiaries to support research
- ▶ Request other Maryland Department of Health agencies to examine specific issues



MHCC's Role

Staff provides administrative management and support services:

- ▶ Convening the Advisory Council
- ▶ Selecting representatives and making recommendations on reappointments in consultation with the Program Management Office 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 affect the MDPCP, as requested by the Advisory Council

Membership Reappointments and Nomination



MEMBERS	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
REAPPOINTMENTS	
Michael Barr , MEDIS, LLC	Expertise in Advanced Primary Care
Robert Berenson , The Urban Institute	
Scott Berkowitz , Johns Hopkins	Health Systems
Nkem Okeke , Medicalincs LLC	Primary Care Clinicians
Michael Riebman , Maryland Primary Care	
NOMINATIONS	
Laura Russell , MHA	Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) <i>Recommendation to replace Bob Atlas</i>
Brian Wheeler , CareFirst	Private Payers <i>Recommendation to replace Stacia Cohen</i>

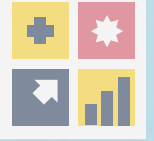


Commission Action

Staff recommends the Commission approve the:

- ▶ Reappointments of Michael Barr, Robert Berenson, Scott Berkowitz, Nkem Okeke, and Michael Riebman and the nominations of Laura Russell and Brian Wheeler





Advisory Council Composition

Membership



No. OF SLOTS	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
4	Primary Care Clinicians (Minimum of three from MDPCP)	Kenneth Buczynski , Wellspring Family Medicine Nkem Okeke , Medicalincs LLC Michael Riebman , Maryland Primary Care James Trumble , TidalHealth
1	Maryland Hospital Association (MHA)	Laura Russell , MHA (<i>candidacy status</i>)
2	Health Systems	Scott Berkowitz , Johns Hopkins Peter LoPresti , University of Maryland Medical System
1	Care Transformation Organization (CTO)	Gene Ransom , MedChi CTO
3	Expertise in Advanced Primary Care	Debora Kuchka-Craig , MedStar Health Michael Barr , MEDIS, LLC Robert Berenson , Urban Institute
2	Private Payers	Brian Wheeler , CareFirst (<i>candidacy status</i>) Vacant
1	Medicaid Managed Care Organization	Kathleen Loughran , AmeriGroup
1	Medicaid Advisory Committee	Scott Rose , Sheppard Pratt Health System
2	Medicare Beneficiary	Kevin Hayes , Consultant Allan Field , Retired Health Care Executive/ Consultant
1	Medicaid	Tricia Roddy
1	Maryland Health Care Commission	Ben Steffen
1	Health Services Cost Review Commission	Willem Daniel
1	MDPCP Program Management Office	Chad Perman

Advanced Primary Care Representative - Reappointment



Michael Barr, MD, MBA, MACP, FRCP

Dr. Barr is a board-certified internist and President of MEDIS, LLC, a health care consulting company. He has over 30 years of health care related experience. Previously, he served as the Executive Vice President of the Quality Measurement & Research Group at the National Committee for Quality Assurance and as Senior Vice President at the American College of Physicians.

Advanced Primary Care Representative - Reappointment



Robert Berenson, MD, FACP

Dr. Berenson is an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute and a board-certified internist. He has 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.

Health Systems Representative - Reappointment



Scott Berkowitz, MD, MBA

Dr. Berkowitz is the Chief Population Health Officer and Vice President of Population Health for Johns Hopkins Medicine. He also serves as the Executive Director of both the Johns Hopkins Medicine Accountable Care Organization and Care Transformation Organization under the MDPCP. He has 20 years of health care experience and is an Associate Professor of Cardiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Previously, Dr. Berkowitz was a Senior Medical Director within the Office of Johns Hopkins Physicians.

Primary Care Clinician Representative - Reappointment



Nkem Okeke, MD, MPH, MBA, MSPM

Dr. Okeke is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Medicalincs LLC. Dr. Okeke has over 20 years of extensive experience in the health care industry as a primary care physician and in care delivery transformation, health care system operations, management consulting, program management and business development. Dr. Okeke has also led population health initiatives at Johns Hopkins Healthcare and telemedicine services operations, and capital and quality improvement projects at Kaiser Permanente.

Primary Care Clinician Representative - Reappointment



Michael Riebman, MD

Dr. Riebman is a founding member and current President of the Maryland Primary Care Physicians, LLC. Dr. Riebman currently serves as co-chair of the MDPCP Advisory Council. He has over two decades of experience in primary care and is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Maryland Hospital Association Representative - Nominee



Laura Russell, MPH

Ms. Russell is the Director of Health Care Payment at the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA). She has seven years of experience in public health and population health management. Prior to joining MHA, Ms. Russell was a Population Health Program Manager at the University of Maryland Medical System.



Private Payer Representative - Nominee

Brian Wheeler

Mr. Wheeler is the Vice President of Provider Collaboration and Network Transformation for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield. He leads the company's provider and network-related business functions. Mr. Wheeler has over 25 years of experience in the health care sector serving in various leadership roles. Previously, Mr. Wheeler served as a board member for FIGmd, Inc.