

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee
Minutes
April 7, 2022
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The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:01 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room.

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was present. The minutes of the February 17, 2022, meeting were approved without objection.

The Committee proceeded to its first order of business, approving a new contract with the actuarial firm CBIZ Optumas for the JMOC Growth Rate Report for the upcoming fiscal biennium. Chair Romanchuk explained that request for letterhead bids were sent out, but due to a conflict of interest only one (1) was acceptable

Questions were asked by Senator Antani.

The Chair explained that while the request for letterhead bids process was sent to multiple entities, only three (3) bids were received. However, of these three (3) bids, one company has a direct conflict of interest while the other company's submission was to only act in the capacity of a subcontractor. Considering this, JMOC was left with one (1) option, CBIZ Optumas, but it is also the only company that has Ohio Medicaid experience.

Senator Huffman asked for the benefit of new JMOC members that the Chair outline the actuary's purpose as well as the upcoming JMOC Growth Rate vote. The Chair explained the actuary's role in estimating the medical inflation rate and the JMOC Rate for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. Senator Antonio noted that the hindrance to produce the JMOC Rate in 2020 was beyond the scope of the Committee (strenuous outside circumstances). She also stated that she appreciates Huffman's request for the outline as well as the efforts that went into finding actuaries.

With no further questions, Vice-Chair Thomas Patton motioned to give the Executive Director, Jada Brady, the authority to enter into a contract not to exceed \$250,000 with CBIZ Optumas for actuarial services. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0.

The Chair moved to the second order of business and called forward the Ohio Department of Medicaid to present an overview of their planned Medicaid redetermination process upon the federally required maintenance of effort (MOE) expiration. Steven Alexander, Director of Legislative Affairs, opened and turned it over to their Chief of Policy, Patrick Beatty, Chief of Policy.

Members asked questions.

Chair Romanchuk asked ODM to submit to him in writing what the process and timeline would entail should Ohio withdraw early from the increased FMAP provided due to the national COVID public health emergency.

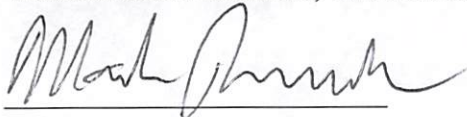
Members continued to ask questions.

The Chair instructed Director Brady to submit to Director Corcoran a letter by the end of the following business day seeking answers to the following questions:

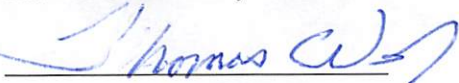
1. Will your agency's Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid Managed Care and all five (5) of its components (managed care, single pharmacy benefit manager, centralized credentialing, fiscal intermediary, and OhioRISE), go live as planned on July 1, 2022?
2. If there are strong indicators of the improbability of the program going live on July 1, 2022, then what is the deadline (a specific date) for your agency to make the decision to delay?
3. If a delay does occur, then will there be a delay of all five (5) of the components or only some?
4. If so, then please state which of the five (5) will be delayed?
5. What then will be the new implementation dates for each of the components?
6. Does your agency have a contingency plan to protect those outside of ODM (stakeholders) should there be delays?
7. Considering this is the second delay to launch the program, what are the issues preventing its implementation facing your agency?
8. How can JMOC help solve any of the issues causing delays?

Members continued to ask questions.

With no further business, Chair Romanchuk adjourned the Committee at approximately 10:47 a.m.



Mark Romanchuk, Chair



Thomas West, Secretary