

**Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee
Minutes
December 14, 2023
135th General Assembly**

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:04 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room.

The clerk called the roll, and a quorum was present. The minutes of the November 16, 2023, meeting was approved without objection.

The Chair proceeded to the first order of business, with the reminder of one of the Committee's main functions and purpose according to Ohio Revised Code 103.414, Projection of medical inflation rate, setting Medicaid's projected rate of growth for the upcoming fiscal biennium. The bidding process was explained and that only one bid was received, which was CBIZ Optumas. With no questions, Senator Romanchuk moved to give the Executive Director, Jada Brady, the authority to enter into a contract not to exceed \$300,000 with CBIZ Optumas for actuarial services. The motion was seconded by Representative Thomas and passed unanimously 7-0.

The Chair moved to the second order of business and called forward the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to present updates regarding their implementation of Next Generation. Director Maureen Corcoran opened the presentation and turned it over to Sean Eckard, BS, PharmD, RPh, ODM's Pharmacy Director and Steven M. Stearmer, Deputy Director of Data and Systems Integration.

Members asked questions.

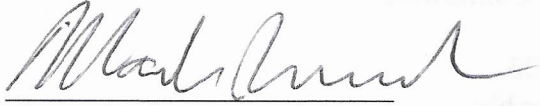
Representative Gross asked Director Corcoran about providers contacting her office as well as JMOC, other legislators and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) concerning late or non-payment since the Next Generation's implementation. She also noted the correlation of the agency's Budget Variance Reports continually showing they are under spending to this payment issue.

The Chair moved to the third order of business and called forward, Brooke O'Neill, Legislative Liaison for the Ohio Department of Medicaid. Ms. O'Neil reviewed the agency's November Budget Variance and Caseload Reports.

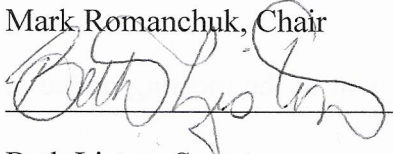
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Representative Gross enquired about where ODM is in the 2024's Rate Certification process and that they send the new rates to Director Brady. Mr. Stearmer stated that he would deliver them next week.

With no further business, Chair Adam Holmes adjourned the Committee at approximately 11:05a.m.



Mark Romanchuk, Chair



Beth Liston, Secretary