

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee
Minutes
February 16, 2023
134th General Assembly

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:02 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room by Chairman Adam Holmes.

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was present. The minutes of the December 15, 2022, meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman Holmes opened the first JMOC meeting of the 135th General Assembly with an introduction and appreciation of being named Chair; as well as emphasizing the significance of Medicaid in Ohio's Operating Budget, the number of Ohioans it affects and the importance of being dedicated to JMOC's mission statement.

The Committee proceeded to its first order of business, hearing from Ohio's Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) providers about reimbursement challenges and the opportunity for Ohio to participate in the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program Opportunity. This was presented to the Committee by Eric Burgess, Assistant Chief of Delaware County's EMS, and Todd Shroyer, Director of Coshocton County's EMS. Both Shroyer and Burgess are members of Ohio's EMS Chiefs Association with Burgess serving as President. James Dachos and Heather Caldwell from Public Consulting Group (PCG) were also with them to answer questions.

Members asked questions.

The Chair called forward Brian Hathaway, Proprietor of Spirit Medical Transport and also a board member of the Ohio Ambulance Association. Mr. Hathaway testified about the low reimbursement rates and challenges of their members.

Members asked questions.

The Chair called forward the Ohio Department of Medicaid's Director of Legislative Affairs Department, Steven Alexander, to present the agency's Budget and Caseload Variance Reports. Steven turned it over to Lindsey Brigano, Deputy Director of External Relations, who reviewed the ODM's Caseload Report. Steven followed with a review of the Budget Variance Report.

Members asked questions.

Representative Gross enquired about recipients on Fee for Service (FFS) and if the FFS numbers would decrease with ODM recent expansion of the Medicaid Managed Care Plans. She also wanted to know if there was a savings with the increase of plans. Ms. Brigano stated she would get the department's fiscal team and see if they had any information on cost savings and would follow-up through the Chair.

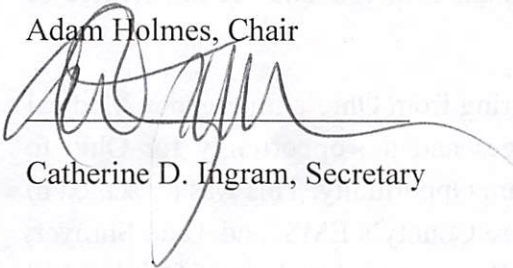
Representative Gross also asked about the agency's disenrollment activities and if they would share their plans with the Committee. Ms. Brigano stated that they began imitating disenrollment early in February, which permits ODM to send letters twice to recipients when seeking required information. By doing this recipients will receive disenrollment notification letters in April and legislative offices should expect constituent calls at this time.

Chair Holmes announced that arrangements had been made for ODM to present their disenrollment at the next JMOC hearing, which is scheduled for March 16th and that the Committee looked forward to them canvassing the details of their plans

With no further business, Chairman Holmes adjourned the Committee at approximately 10:53 a.m.



Adam Holmes, Chair



Catherine D. Ingram, Secretary