

**Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**September 23, 2021**  
**134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:05 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room.

Attendance was taken with a quorum present. The Committee proceeded to its first order of business.

The minutes of the June 17, 2021, meeting were approved without objection.

The Chair announced that JMOC would begin by hearing testimony from Ohio's Medicaid providers concerning their interaction with Medicaid's Managed Care Plans. Lisa Von Lehmden Zidek, President of the Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio, was called forward to provide testimony.

Members asked questions.

Peter Van Runkle, Executive Director of the Ohio Health Care Association, followed providing testimony concerning the industry's workforce shortage as well as his member's interaction with Medicaid's Managed Care Plans.

Members asked questions.

The Chair called forward Nick Kalogeras, RPh., President of the Ohio Association of Medical Equipment Services, to provide testimony.

Members asked questions.

Chairman Patton announced that before JMOC's next meeting that he would request a meeting with ODM so that he, Director Corcoran and Director Brady could discuss the issues raised and for ODM to ultimately submit to JMOC a proposal of how it plans to address and alleviate the following matters:

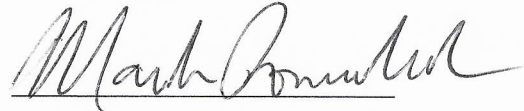
1. current elements creating poor interactions between the MCPs and providers (such as sole source contracts);
2. the creation of a fair and equitable process to address grievances between the two entities in a timely manner; and
3. the significant decline of home medical equipment suppliers for Ohio's Medicaid recipients. Such as expanding service to Ohio's eleven (11) counties that currently do not have suppliers. As well as increasing the service in the twenty-four (24) counties that currently only have one (1) supplier.

The Chair called forward Steven Alexander of the Ohio Department of Medicaid to provide testimony regarding the agency's Budget and Caseload Variance Reports.

No questions were asked.

The Chair asked if members had any additional questions concerning ODM's recent RFP process for MCPs. No questions were asked.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Patton adjourned the Committee at approximately 10:58 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Romanchuk", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Romanchuk, Vice-Chair