

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee
Minutes
October 19, 2023
135th 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.

The clerk called the roll, and a quorum was present. The minutes of the September 13, ²⁰²³, meeting was approved without objection.

The Chair proceeded to the first order of business, focusing on the post-covid redetermination process. Chair Holmes gave the reminder that the 134th General Assembly's Operating Budget Bill, Amended Substitute House Bill 110, required the Ohio Department of Medicaid to hire a third-party vendor to provide additional data sources to assist in the efforts of conducting redetermination of eligibility.

Thomas Aldridge, Manager, Associate Practice Area Director and Peter Cheesman, Manager of Public Consulting Group (PCG) were called forward to present.

Members asked questions.

The Chair moved to the second order of business and called forward the Ohio Department of Medicaid to present. Patrick Beatty, Deputy Director of Policy, ODM provided testimony regarding the Ohio Unwinding process and overview. Maureen Corcoran, Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid provided testimony on September Caseload Report

Members asked questions.

Dr. Steven Stearmer, Deputy Director of Data Governance and Analysis, for the Ohio Department of Medicaid, ODM, attempted to answer questions from Rep. Liston on understanding the disproportionate disenrollment of children. ODM will provide a "crosswalk" report to better explain the correlation of the Caseload Report and Aggregate Report that is provided to Committee.

Members continue to ask question.

Vice Chair, Romanchuk wants to see ODM improve and expand upon the Ohio Benefits (OB) system ability to obtain data and eliminate the need for a third-party vendor. Currently, 40% of initial ex parte cases are processed autonomously by the OB system. 60% of the case load is sent to PCG for further analysis. ODM projects that the initial ex parte rate will increase after April 2024, once all renewals have cycled through.

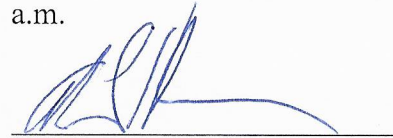
Rep. Gross asked additional questions that ODM will need to provide follow up:

1. What systems do we use to verify income?
2. What is ODM doing to encourage employers to use e-verify?
 - a. Are employers incentivized?
3. Is it voluntary for employers to use e-verify?
4. Does ODM require employers to use e-verify?
 - a. If required, and employer isn't using, is ODM monitoring this?
 - b. Do employers have ramifications if not using? Why or why not?

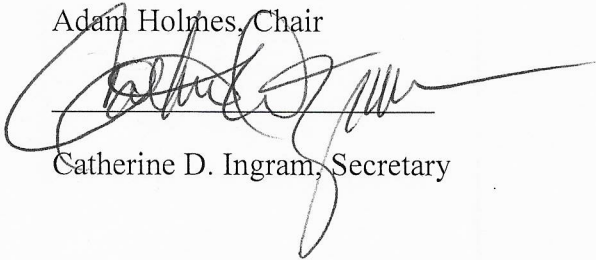
Rep. Gross informed ODM that she will submit through the Chair additional questions in writing as a follow up since the questions could not be answered at that time.

Lindsey Brigano, Deputy Director of Legislation, ODM, provided testimony on September Budget Variance and Caseload Reports. Members did not have questions.

With no further business, Chair Adam Holmes adjourned the Committee at approximately 11:22 a.m.

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Adam Holmes, Chair

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Catherine D. Ingram, Secretary