

Planning and Implementation Committee For Medi-Cal Managed Care

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The Implementation and Planning Committee for Medi-Cal Managed Care is convened by the Director of the County Department of Health Services (DHS) to represent the needs and interests of Medi-Cal beneficiaries and health care providers during the collaborative process of planning for and implementing Medi-Cal managed care in Sonoma County.

Purpose of the Planning and Implementation Committee:

The Committee will advise and assist Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) as it designs and implements expansion of the regional County Organized Health System health plan into Sonoma County. The Committee will advise the DHS Director regarding the resolution of issues previously identified and any new issues that relate to the successful implementation of Medi-Cal managed care.

Functions of the Committee will include and are not limited to the following:

- Advise PHC on policies, procedures and system design issues related to managed care implementation
- Assist PHC with reaching, educating and preparing beneficiaries for changes in the Medi-Cal system
- Assist PHC with reaching and engaging providers and building a robust network of contractors
- Discuss and resolve issues identified in the December 12, 2006 report to the Board of Supervisors including but not limited to:
 - Development of local/regional office and appropriate services in Sonoma county;
 - Agreement on policies for assignment of members to medical homes and on provisions for continuity of care during the transition along with other operational issues;
 - Appropriate representation on the PHC Governing Board and committees. Board and committee representation should reflect the proportional size of the Counties participating in the Plan; and,
 - A governance structure that provides Sonoma county provider and community members the on-going opportunity to address local issues and be actively involved in the decision making process.
- Report to the Director on resolution of the above issues and on any new concerns that impact the ability of Sonoma County to realize the potential benefits of Medi-Cal care.

Deliverables /Desired Outcomes:

- Stakeholders including policy makers, health providers, beneficiaries, community agencies and others are better prepared for the transition to a Medi-Cal system managed by PHC.
- PHC has a good understanding of the health care delivery system in Sonoma County and receives support in recruiting and working with health care providers.
- The needs and desires of Medi-Cal beneficiaries are articulated and incorporated as part of the planning and implementation process.
- Specific agreements are reached regarding the four previously identified issues and a report and recommendations are prepared for the Director of the DHS.
- The Medi-Cal system in Sonoma County is improved for beneficiaries and providers alike.

Planning Group Membership:

- Health care providers representing hospitals, physicians, community clinics and nursing homes
- Beneficiary representatives selected by the DHS from community organizations serving low-income residents
- County government representatives from the Department Health Services and Human Services

Operating Protocols:

- Monthly meetings will be held in Santa Rosa in a central, accessible location
- Meetings are open to the public and have a public comment period; all meeting materials are available on a DHS web site
- Meetings will be chaired by the County Health Officer who will develop the agenda jointly with PHC
- Staff support will be provided by the County Department of Health Services and by PHC managers and staff.

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