

OFFICE OF OHIO HEALTH PLANS

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Basis for Operation:

The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) is administered under the direction of the Medicaid Director of the Office of Ohio Health Plans (OHP) to comply with federal requirements of Section 1902(a) (4) of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the committee is to advise the OHP Medicaid Director about health and medical care issues. The MCAC also provides an opportunity to obtain and exchange information on a wide range of Medicaid issues. The Medicaid program is a publicly funded health care program administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The MCAC advises and develops recommendations on policy development to support Ohio Medicaid's strategic goals and program initiatives. This may include benefit coverage and policy review, recipient eligibility and health care service utilization, accessibility of services, and evidence-based clinical protocols. The MCAC meets quarterly and is organized by OHP staff; with the OHP Medicaid Medical Director serving as the Committee Co-Chair. The OHP Medicaid Director appoints committee members on a rotating and continuous basis; and maintains the authority to revise, update, change or amend any/all guidelines.

Scope of Responsibility:

- 1.** Support the strategic goals and initiatives identified by the OHP Medicaid Director. Serve as advocates for the Medicaid program, its recipients and providers; improve communications with the provider community, and other stakeholder groups regarding the Agency's medical care service program goals and objectives.
- 2.** Review and make recommendations on Title XIX and publicly funded health care programs administered by the Agency.
- 3.** Identify unmet health and medical care service needs to Title XIX recipients and other low income persons and recommend possible solutions.
- 4.** Provide a written annual report of the Committee's activities, findings, and recommendations to the OHP Medicaid Director.

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