



MHBE Plan Management Stakeholder Committee

May 1, 2025
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Nicole Edge, Kimberly Edwards, Becca Lane, Johanna Fabian-Marks, Pooja Singh, Hadassa Thadigiri, Srija Vutukuru, David Cooney, Cheryl Ford, LaShan Brown, Divonne Patterson, Katherine Wait, Allison Mangiaracino, Aarathi Narayanan, Christina Stafford, Julie Curry, Larry Shrewsbury, Cheryl Frederico, Gwen Howard, Rachel Peters, Molly O'Brien, Dave Brock, Brian Espandola, Heather Warnkin, Holly Brewer, Warren Laird, Julie Curry, Nikki Blake, Shanette Baker

Others:

Welcome and introductions:

Nicole Edge, Manager of Plan and Partner Management, welcomed everyone. Attendance was recorded.

Agenda:

Topic	Member Comments
No comments or feedback from the field to begin the meeting.	
Plan Management Updates	The following updates were shared: • Certification packets were sent to carriers on April 30, 2025. Application and other materials are due back to PM by June 5, 2023. • SERFF binders should be submitted to SERFF no later than Monday, June 2, 2025. • New Value Plan Attestation is now a requirement and due to SERFF by Monday, June 2, 2025. • Plan certification for small business will include plan extracts and plan testing as well as sign-off documents. • HB 1082 passed this legislative session, allowing a state subsidy to be established in Maryland. MHBE is still discussing a programmatic approach. More information will be available after MHBE Board meeting on May 19, 2025. • MHBE is working to establish service level expectations for reconciliation/SBMI, escalated cases, and plan certification. Carrier will have a review and comment period.

	MHBE is looking to establish an API call with carriers for provider directory updates. This will replace current process and MHBE would like to know if any carriers have a call-in place with the FFM or other state-based exchanges. Carriers can provide this information at a later date and more will be discussed on carrier touchpoint calls. Comments/Feedback from participants: Committee members inquired if they service level expectations will be In the Carrier Business Agreement (CBA)? <i>-Nicole responded that internal discussions are still taking place on where they will live. Once a decision is reached, it will be communicated to carriers.</i> Committee members inquired about the timeline for establishing the API call? <i>-Nicole confirmed that discussions for API are still in early stages and timeline will be influenced by whether carriers already have an existing infrastructure for a call.</i>
EDI/IT Update	Srija Vutukuru provided a timeline for the upcoming OE 834 test schedule. Comments/Feedback from participants: No questions or feedback.
Legislative Update	Amelia Marcus presented legislative updates that have impact to MHBE. SB 5/HB 297 removes the sunset of the Young Adult Subsidy in Maryland. HB 1082 authorizes MHBE to establish a broader state subsidy program in an attempt to mitigate negative impact if ARPA subsidies end. HB859 requires MHBE to outreach childcare professionals in order to assess access to health care. HB974 establishes state enforcement of preventive services established under the ACA. HB 718 establishes a Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission.

	Comments/Feedback from participants: No questions or feedback
MHC for Small Business	Srija Vutukuru reviewed the project timeline for the MHC for Small Biz platform. Comments/Feedback from participants: No questions or comments

Discussion: Carrier question – How is MHBE planning to implement CMS proposed changes?

- *Nicole confirmed that MHBE is considering what operational changes will be needed and will update carriers once more formal information is received.*

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned 2:34 pm