

Comments and Responses on ARC 4818C
Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC)
Received January 4, 2020

The following person/organization provided written comments, which are included in the summary below:

1. David Beeman, Ph.D., Psychologist, Innovative Learning Professionals

The Department received two comments from one respondent on the proposed rules. The comments and corresponding responses from the Department are as follows:

COMMENT:

Comment was provided regarding the roles of the voting and non-voting members. The respondent requested that there should be an explicit change to allow the professional or business entity members, who are not elected as voting members, to be identified as non-voting members of the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC).

RESPONSE:

House File (HF) 766 revised membership, voting provisions and duties of the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC).

HF 766 specifies the number of voting members as five (5) professional or business entities and five (5) public members. The legislation also designates the 41 entities that are eligible for election as voting members of the MAAC. All 41 entities are eligible to participate and cast a ballot in the election of the five voting members. The legislation also specifically identifies the non-voting members.

The legislation does not describe the role of the remaining 36 entities, who are not elected as voting members of the MAAC. The Department will distribute meeting information and materials to all 41 entities. It is expected that the representatives of the remaining 36 entities will attend MAAC meetings and be engaged with all MAAC committee members regarding policy development, program administration and recommendations. Those 36 entity representatives have voted the five members to the committee and should work collaboratively with the voting members outside of meetings to share their thoughts on advising the Medicaid agency. The representatives of the 36 entities will be responsible to elect new members annually, or when any vacancy occurs.

The legislation specifically describes the non-voting members, which does not include the remaining 36 professional or business entities. The proposed rules are consistent with the legislation and no changes to the rules are needed.

COMMENT:

Information was requested regarding how to request a public hearing and the required timeframes to request a public hearing.

RESPONSE:

A request for a public hearing must be made during the timeframe provided in the notice. For this proposed rule, a request for public hearing would need to have been made by close of business on January 7, 2020. This information was provided to the respondent by email. This request does not necessitate changes to the proposed rules.