



# Iowa Department of Human Services

## Medical Assistance Advisory Council MAAC

Michael Randol, Medicaid Director

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Mr. Jerry R. Foxhoven  
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Dear Mr. Foxhoven:

Contained in this communication are recommendations from the MAAC Executive Committee, per the legislative directive for this body to communicate quarterly recommendations for the Department and legislature's review.

These recommendations are based upon public comment sessions sponsored by the Department of Human Services early in fiscal year 2018, as well as discussion with the full Medical Assistance Advisory Council members at their November 2017 meeting.

Recommendations from the MAAC Executive Committee for this quarter are as follows:

### **Mental Health:**

MAAC's Executive Committee recommends that Department of Human Services staff facilitate a meeting between the chair of the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission and the co-chairs of MAAC to discuss earlier recommendations relating to Medicaid and Mental Health made in 2017. The intent of this meeting is to discuss the earlier recommendations and any progress or collaborative work that should or can be undertaken to move important work in this area forward.

### **Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)**

MAAC's Executive Committee recommends Department staff bring to the MAAC's Executive Committee and the Council background information on the diversity of services and populations that make up LTSS for Iowa Medicaid. These presentations will be provided over a series of meetings to allow MAAC members to understand demographics and health needs of the populations enrolled in LTSS services, understanding what services are covered, better understand both costs and funding of these services, managed care contractual requirements for LTSS services including care coordination and planning with service recipients and providers, and related issues. These presentations have already begun with a presentation from Deb Johnson at the January 4, 2018, Executive Committee meeting discussing populations and demographics of enrollees.

## Transition of Members to UnitedHealthcare

MAAC's Executive Committee recommends that staff update the Council and Executive Committee regarding the transition of members from AmeriHealth to UnitedHealthcare. Both the full MAAC and its Executive Committee have had a strong interest in understanding both the transition of members away from AmeriHealth, as well as receipt of those member enrollments by UnitedHealthcare resulting from the transition of AmeriHealth out of the Medicaid program, effective December 1, 2017. Because time has been of the essence relating to this transition, both Deputy Director Stier and staff from UnitedHealthcare have apprised the Executive Committee in December and January of the status of this transition. We ask they provide similar status updates for the full MAAC at its upcoming meeting in February 2018.

We appreciate the opportunity to bring these recommendations for your review.

Sincerely,

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Iowa Department of Public Health  
Co-Chairperson



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