

Advisory Committees

Departments of Public Welfare and Aging

ACCESS Plus Program Advisory Committees (Regionally)

Mission:

- To be the eyes, ears and voice of people served by the ACCESS Plus program for the Department of Public Welfare
- To provide a place for ACCESS Plus consumers and providers to raise issues and concerns about the program, and
- To promote the exchange of ideas between ACCESS Plus consumers, providers, and interested public and private sector organizations.

ACCESS Plus is for recipients who get their health care through the ACCESS/EBT card. ACCESS Plus Enrollees will receive all medically necessary services for which they are currently eligible for through their medical assistance benefits. ACCESS Plus will offer enrollees two additional services – case management and disease management.

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Medical Assistance Programs

For information: <http://www.accessplus.org/RAC.aspx>

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee

- The purpose of the MAAC is to advise the Department of Public Welfare on issues of policy development and program administration.

Sub-committees of the MAAC:

Consumer Subcommittee

Fee for Service Subcommittee

Managed Care Subcommittee

Long Term Care Subcommittee

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Medical Assistance Programs

For information: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/OMAP/MAACInfo>

Office of Developmental Programs Planning Advisory Committee

- The ODP Planning Advisory Committee was created in 1987 by the Office of Developmental Programs (formerly the Office of Mental Retardation) to advise the Deputy Secretary and the executive staff of the Office of Developmental Programs on issues of planning, policy and program development. Participation on the ODP Planning Advisory Committee also provides members with the opportunity to learn about major developments and to keep the members of their organizations informed.

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Developmental Programs

For Information: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/ODP/003670043.htm>

Employment and Training Advisory Committee

- Employment and Training Advisory Committee (ETAC) advises the Department on policies, procedures and other activities related to the employment and training programs administered by the Office of Income Maintenance.

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Income Maintenance

For Information: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/OIM/003676999.htm>

Income Maintenance Advisory Committee

- Advises the Department on policies, procedures and other activities related to the programs administered by the Office of Income Maintenance.

IMAC is composed of:

- Current and former welfare recipients,
- Representatives of welfare rights organizations,
- Employment and training specialists, and
- Other client advocates.

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Income Maintenance

For Information: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/OIM/003676998.htm>

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Advisory Committee

- Advises the Secretary of Public Welfare on the administration of the LIHEAP block grant, including a review of the proposed LIHEAP State Plan and recommendations on the Final LIHEAP State Plan.

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Income Maintenance

For Information: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/OIM/003677000.htm>

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

- The Department of Public Welfare has appointed this committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Department of Public Welfare and the Office of Medical Assistance Programs. Recommendations from the committee must be reviewed and approved by the Secretary of Public Welfare.
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- Provider Synergies clinical staff provides clinical and financial analysis support to the P&T Committee. The staff has timely access to information regarding new drugs being developed, changes in drug efficacy, new indications and concerns regarding medicines. Also, Provider Synergies provides the committee with analysis of regional and statewide demographic and disease related data to assist them in making informed, objective, and evidence-based decisions.
- Composition and responsibilities of the committee:
 - Comprised of DPW medical directors, external physicians, pharmacists, consumer advocates, and specialists as needed for drug class reviews
 - Establish and maintain a dynamic Preferred Drug List
 - Recommend prior authorization guidelines for non-preferred drugs as well as certain preferred drugs using current community standards for prescribing
 - Prospective and Retrospective Drug Utilization Review Program Review and Development

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Medical Assistance Programs

For Information:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/DoingBusiness/MAPharmProg/003675065.htm>

OMHSAS Advisory - Mental Health Planning Council

- The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Advisory Structure is comprised of three committees and one subcommittee: Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, Adult Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, Older Adult Behavioral Health Advisory Committee and Transition Age Youth Subcommittee. The three committees and subcommittee come together in a Joint Session to form the Pennsylvania Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC).

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

For Information: http://www.parecovery.org/omhsas_advisory_structure.shtml

Community Living Advisory Committee

- The Department of Public Welfare established the Community Living Advisory Committee in July 2002. The mission of the CLAC is to provide the Department of Public Welfare with advice about access to and delivery of good quality home and community based services for people with physical and related disabilities.

Coordinating Agency: DPW and Aging, Office of Long Term Living

For Information:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/Secretary/AdvisoryCommittees/Clac/>

Pennsylvania Council on Aging

- The Pennsylvania Council on Aging (PCoA) acts as an advisor to the governor and the Department of Aging on the planning, coordination and delivery of services to older people. The council also serves as an advocate for the elderly in the commonwealth.

Coordinating Agency: Department of Aging

For Information: <http://www.aging.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/councils/17889>

Home and Community Based Services Stakeholder Planning Team

- The Stakeholder Planning Team (SPT) is a committee made up of people with many different disabilities and their advocates created to advise the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) on program and policy issues in order to identify gaps, barriers and quality issues that exist in DPW's current home and community based programs and propose alternative structures, services and supports which:
 - end the institutional bias;
 - assure the provision of needed community supports based on functional need regardless of type of disability or age; and
 - promote real integration of persons with disabilities into their communities.

Coordinating Agency: DPW, Secretary's Policy Office

For Information:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/Secretary/AdvisoryCommittees/HCBSTeam/>

Office of Long Term Living Quality Council

- The Quality Council is an advisory body reporting to the Director of the Office of Quality Management Metrics and Analytics (QMMA). The Quality Council's primary role is to review quarterly summary findings collected and presented by QMMA. The purpose of this review is to identify quality concerns, and recommend corrections and improvements to the OLTL programs.

Coordinating Agency: DPW and Aging, Office of Long Term Living

For information: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/PMQ/PAQC/>

Intra-Governmental Council on Long Term Care

- The Intra-Governmental Council on Long-Term Care examines long-term care issues in the commonwealth, including the responsibilities and programs of the various agencies of state government. The council also works to assure efficient access to consumer services and funding.

Coordinating Agency: Department of Aging

For Information: <http://www.aging.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/councils/17889>