

HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 6, 2016, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The following is a summary of items heard by the Board.

CalOptima Is California's Top Medi-Cal Plan for Third Year in a Row

CEO Michael Schrader announced that CalOptima has been named California's top-rated Medi-Cal plan by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for the third year in a row. NCQA ratings are widely considered to be the "gold standard" in the industry for measuring the quality of care provided by health plans. CalOptima received a score of 4 out of 5 — the highest score awarded to any Medi-Cal plan in California. Further, only 15 Medicaid plans of the 171 reviewed nationwide scored higher. The NCQA ratings are comprehensive, measuring 42 clinical indicators related to both preventive care and treatments, and nine customer service dimensions. The Board of Directors thanked CalOptima's staff and provider partners for their hard work in helping the agency achieve such high standards of quality.

SB 586 Establishes the Whole Child Model (WCM) for California Children's Services (CCS)

Mr. Schrader informed the Board that Gov. Brown signed SB 586 into law on September 25. SB 586 establishes the WCM, under which the Department of Health Care Services will transition most CCS benefits from counties to certain Medi-Cal managed care plans in County Organized Health System counties, including Orange County and CalOptima. CCS will remain "carved out" of managed care in all remaining counties until January 1, 2022. CCS is a state-administered program that provides health care services to children under age 21 for eligible medical conditions, including but not limited to cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy and cancer. Approximately 90 percent of all children enrolled in CCS in Orange County already receive their Medi-Cal benefits from CalOptima. The WCM is designed to increase care coordination for this vulnerable population without compromising quality or continuity of care. CCS benefits for almost 12,000 Orange County residents are scheduled to transition to CalOptima no sooner than January 1, 2018.

CalOptima to Expand Weight Management Program for Children

The Board authorized spending \$500,000 in Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) funds to expand the child and adolescent components of Shape Your Life, CalOptima's weight management program for children. IGTs are transfers of public funds between government entities that are used to draw down matching federal dollars. CalOptima's IGT transactions help pay for a variety of services for members. Childhood obesity is an issue of growing national and local concern. In 2014, one third of all Orange County fifth, seventh and ninth graders were overweight or obese. The funds will be allocated for weight management interventions, member and provider incentives, and staffing to facilitate the expansion of the program's child and adolescent components.

CalOptima to Provide Support for Free Health Fair

The Board approved CalOptima's participation in the Vietnamese Physician Association of Southern California Foundation's Free Health Fair in Westminster on October 23, 2016. CalOptima staff and resources will support the event, which will provide an opportunity to conduct outreach and education about programs and services to members. More than 700 attendees are expected at this community event.