



## Iowa Medicaid Clinical Advisory Committee Activity Summary SFY25



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# Medicaid Clinical Advisory Committee Background and Objectives

The establishment and requirements of the Iowa Medicaid Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC) are contained in House File 841 and the Medicaid CAC was initiated in 2006. The purpose of the Medicaid CAC is to increase the efficiency, quality, and effectiveness of the Iowa Medicaid healthcare system. The CAC provides a process for physicians and other healthcare providers to promote quality care, member safety, and fiscal responsibility through a discussion of Medicaid benefits and healthcare services criteria.

The Medicaid CAC is charged with recommending clinically appropriate healthcare utilization management and coverage decisions for the Iowa Medicaid program. This annual report summarizes the recommendations made by the Medicaid CAC and those adopted by rule.

The Medicaid CAC performs:

- ▶ Technology and therapeutics review for advanced therapy and new technology.
- ▶ Administrative support through its review and recommendations regarding policy issues.
- ▶ Criteria review with recommendations for changes.

The Medicaid CAC meetings are subject to the open committee rules in Chapter 21 of the Iowa Administrative Code. All meetings are publicly announced on the Iowa Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) website a minimum of 10 days prior to the scheduled date and time. Meeting agendas, minutes, and summary of Medicaid CAC responsibilities are posted on the Iowa HHS website.

Appointments of committee members are for three years, and each member may be reappointed for one additional three-year term.

The Iowa Medicaid Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) unit is responsible for the administration of the Medicaid CAC. The Iowa Medicaid medical director, Dr. William (Bill) Jagiello, chairs the Medicaid CAC. The chair of the Medicaid CAC may only vote in the situation that the committee has a tie vote.

Else Umbreit, PharmD, is part of the QIO unit and is experienced working in the managed care setting. She applies her knowledge in the review and development of criteria for physician administered medications, as well as with new code reviews.

The Medicaid CAC evaluates the clinical aspects of Iowa Medicaid coverage policies and medical management strategies to maximize both quality healthcare and cost effectiveness. The Medicaid CAC provides recommendations for criteria development.

## Committee Members

The following committee members served during the annual reporting timeframe.

### **Clarice Blanchard PA-C, MMS**

Clarice Blanchard graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Psychology in 1996. She then received her physician assistant training at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, graduating in 1999. Clarice has practiced in family medicine and emergency medicine at Madison County Healthcare System in Winterset, Iowa, since 2001.

### **Dana Danley, MD**

Dr. Danley graduated from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa, in 1998. She completed her post-graduate training in family practice at Broadlawns Medical Center in 2001 and is board-certified in Family Practice. Dr. Danley is an active educator in medical student education as an Adjunct Assistant Family Medicine faculty at Des Moines University and an Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at the Carver College of Medicine. Dr. Danley also is a faculty member of the Broadlawns Medical Center Family Medicine Residency and has received several awards for teaching. She currently practices at Broadlawns Medical Clinic in Des Moines, Iowa.

### **Polly Ferguson, MD**

Dr. Ferguson graduated from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1990. She completed a pediatric residency in 1993, a pediatric rheumatology and immunology fellowship in 1996 and a post-doctoral research fellowship in 2000 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Dr. Ferguson joined the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2000 and subsequently took a faculty position at the University of Iowa in 2002 where she remains. She currently is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Pediatric Rheumatology, Allergy, and Immunology at the University of Iowa Stead Family Department of Pediatrics.

### **Alexandra K. Hubbell, DO**

Dr. Hubbell graduated from Des Moines University in 2007 and completed her residency at Iowa Lutheran Family Medicine Program in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2013. Dr. Hubbell is the Associate Program Director at the Iowa Lutheran Family Medicine Residency.

### **Kathleen Lange, MD**

Dr. Lange graduated from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1992. She completed her residency at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1997. She actively participates in several professional affiliations and memberships. Dr. Lange currently practices at Chariton Valley Medical Center in Centerville, Iowa, in family practice.

**Dennis Zachary, MD**

Dr. Zachary graduated from the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota in 1984. He completed his post-graduate training in family practice at North Memorial Branch at the University of Minnesota in 1987. He is board-certified in family practice, geriatric medicine, and sports medicine. He actively participates in several professional affiliations and memberships. He has been the recipient of numerous military honors. Dr. Zachary currently practices at Mercy South Medical Clinic in Des Moines, Iowa, in family practice.

**Chitravathi Yerrapareddy, MD**

Dr. Reddy graduated from Kurnool Medical College in May 1994. She completed her internship at Government General Hospital in April 1995. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, and American Board of Obesity Medicine. She actively participates in several professional affiliations and community services. Dr. Reddy currently practices at UnityPoint Clinic Diabetes & Endocrinology in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Diana Smith, DNP, ARNP, FNP-C**

Diana Smith graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri in August 2022. She actively participates in several professional affiliations and memberships and has received several professional certifications. Diana Smith currently practices at Greene County Family Medicine/UnityPoint Clinic in Jefferson, Iowa, and at McCrary Rost Clinic/Stewart Memorial Community Hospital in Gowrie, Iowa and Lake City, Iowa.

**Geetanjali Sahu, MD**

Dr. Sahu completed her medical school at the Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences in India. She did her psychiatry residency at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, followed by a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the University of Texas at Houston, Texas. Dr. Sahu has earned regional and national accolades for her clinical and research work. Notably, the AACAP Pilot Research Award for Junior Faculty and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows and the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training International Medical Graduate Fellowship Award. Dr. Sahu is ABPN board-certified in both adult psychiatry as well as child and adolescent psychiatry. She uses a knowledge of biological, psychological, and social factors in working with patients and families. Her clinical interests include childhood trauma, bipolar disorders, developmental disorders, school-based mental health, and family ecosystems. Dr. Sahu is invested in collaborating care with other caregivers as she truly believes it takes a village to raise a child. She currently practices at Broadlawns Outpatient Behavioral Health, Main Campus in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Dawn Schwartz, DNP, ARNP, NNP-BC, IBCLC, CPN, CHPPN, CENP, CPHQ**

Dawn Schwartz received her Diploma in Nursing, from Mercy School of Nursing, in 1995, in Des Moines, Iowa; and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, in 2006, Master of Science in Nursing—Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, in 2008, and Doctor of Nursing Practice—Nursing Leadership, in 2020, from the University of Missouri—Kansas City, in Kansas City, Missouri. She serves as the Vice President of Care Quality, at ChildServe, and clinically practices as a neonatal nurse practitioner for Pediatrix Medical Group of Iowa. Dawn has served in a variety of neonatal and pediatric clinical and leadership positions over the last 29 years and actively participates in several professional affiliations and memberships. She has provided direct care, education, leadership, and support to infants, children, families, and colleagues, as a registered nurse, neonatal nurse practitioner, International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant, Certified Brain Injury Specialist, Certified Pediatric Nurse, Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurse, Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional, Certified Executive in Nursing Practice, and Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality. She is an educator for the American Academy of Pediatrics Neonatal Resuscitation Program.

**Wendy Sanders, DNP, ARNP, FNP-C**

Wendy Sanders is a board-certified family nurse practitioner who graduated from Allen College in Waterloo, Iowa in June 2007. She has experience in Internal Medicine, Nephrology, and Diabetes. Wendy currently practices as a Diabetes Specialist with Mercy Physician Services in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and is their Clinical Director of Adult Diabetes. She is the recipient of several clinical awards and actively participates in professional affiliations. Wendy is an Adjunct Professor at Mount Mercy University for the Master of Nursing Program. She is a frequent presenter on the topic of Diabetes around the state. She sits on the Steering Committee of Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and at Allen College in Waterloo, Iowa.

**Kelli Roenfanz, DO**

Dr. Roenfanz graduated from Des Moines University in 2009 and completed her residency at Iowa Lutheran Family Medicine Program in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2012. She is board-certified in Family Practice. Dr. Roenfanz is a faculty member at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital Family Medicine Residency. She is currently practicing family medicine with obstetrics at UnityPoint Family Medicine Clinic East Des Moines.

**Kartik Anand, MD**

Dr. Anand completed medical school in India, internal medicine residency at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana in 2016 and hematology/oncology fellowship at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas in 2019. He has been involved in clinical research, including clinical trials. Dr. Anand has been awarded numerous academic awards including the Merit Award twice by the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Outstanding Scholar and Clinician Award by Houston Methodist Hospital and Excellence in Research Award by Houston Methodist. Dr. Anand has been practicing at The Iowa Clinic since 2025.

# Review of Iowa Medicaid Clinical Criteria

A key function of the Medicaid CAC is to provide Iowa Medicaid with an annual review of the criteria utilized for physician-administered drugs and medical review. Using the wide range of expertise represented by the Medicaid CAC members, review of each established and new criteria considers standards of practice, the effect of treatment on quality of life, functional status, and other relevant aspects of the health of Medicaid members.

QIO Unit recruits specialists throughout Iowa to review the following specialized criteria annually:

- ▶ Lung transplant,
- ▶ Pancreas transplant,
- ▶ Orthodontic procedures,
- ▶ Periodontic procedures, and
- ▶ Bone marrow and/or peripheral blood stem cell transplant.

The table below and on the following pages lists the criteria reviewed by the Medicaid CAC during SFY25.

Criteria	Actioned	
<b>Adakveo (crizanlizumab-tmca)</b>	July	2024
<b>Columvi (glofitamab-gxbm)</b>	July	2024
<b>Custom Knee Orthotics</b>	July	2024
<b>Darzalex and Darzalex Faspro (daratumumab; daratumumab and hyaluronidase)</b>	July	2024
<b>Elrexio (elranatamab-bcmm)</b>	July	2024
<b>Enteral Products and Supplies</b>	July	2024
<b>Epkinly (epcoritamab-bysp)</b>	July	2024
<b>Fasenra (benralizumab)</b>	July	2024
<b>Functional Fraction Reserve (FFR)</b>	July	2024
<b>Fyarro (sirolimus protein-bound particles)</b>	July	2024
<b>Gene Expression Profiling for the Management of Breast Cancer</b>	July	2024
<b>Genetic Testing for Lynch Syndrome</b>	July	2024
<b>High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillators</b>	July	2024
<b>Jemperli (dostarlimab-gxly)</b>	July	2024
<b>Keytruda (pembrolizumab)</b>	July	2024
<b>Laser Linear Accelerator Based Stereotactic Radiosurgery</b>	July	2024
<b>Left Ventricular Assist Device</b>	July	2024
<b>Medical Foods</b>	July	2024



Criteria	Actioned	
Monjuvi (tafasitamab-cxix)	July	2024
Namenda (memantine) for ASD	July	2024
Opdualag (nivolumab and relatlimab-rmbw)	July	2024
Reduction Mammoplasty/Mastopexy	July	2024
Risk Reduction Mastectomy	July	2024
Rylaze (asparaginase, recombinant)	July	2024
Sarclisa (isatuximab-irfc)	July	2024
Serum Iron Studies	July	2024
Strollers and Wheelchairs for Safety	July	2024
Talvey (talquetamab-tgvs)	July	2024
Tecvayli (teclistamab-cqyv)	July	2024
Tepezza (teprotumumab-trbw)	July	2024
Tezspire (tezepelumab-ekko)	July	2024
Tzield (teplizumab-mzwv)	July	2024
Uplizna (inebilizumab-cdon)	July	2024
Zynlonta (loncastuximab tesirine-lpyl)	July	2024
Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel)	October	2024
Aduhelm (aducanumab-avwa)	October	2024
Amondys 45 (casimersen)	October	2024
Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation	October	2024
Bavencio (avelumab)	October	2024
Breyanzi (lisocabtagene maraleucel)	October	2024
Briumvi (ublituximab-xiyy)	October	2024
Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)	October	2024
Children's Mental Health Waiver Level of Care	October	2024
Danyelza (naxitamab-gqgk)	October	2024
Elahere (mirvetuximab soravtansine-gynx)	October	2024
Enhertu (fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki)	October	2024
Exondys 51 (etepirsen)	October	2024
Family Functional Therapy	October	2024
Habilitation Eligibility (Non-Financial)	October	2024
Insulin Pumps	October	2024
Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine)	October	2024
Kisunla (donanemab-azbt)	October	2024
Leqembi (lecanemab-irmb)	October	2024
Loqtorzi (toripalimab-tpzi)	October	2024
Margenza (margetuximab-cmkb)	October	2024
Medical Day Care for Children	October	2024
Multi-Systemic Therapy	October	2024
Negative Pressure Wound Therapy	October	2024
Padcev (enfortumab vedotin-efjv)	October	2024



Criteria	Actioned	
Panniculectomy	October	2024
Phesgo (pertuzumab, trastuzumab, and hyaluronidase-zzxf)	October	2024
Pneumatic Compression Devices	October	2024
Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation	October	2024
Spevigo (spesolimab-sbzo)	October	2024
Trodelvy (sacituzumab govitecan-hziy)	October	2024
Veopoz (pozelimab-bbfg)	October	2024
Viltepso (viltolarsen)	October	2024
Vyjuvek (beremagene geperpavec-svdt)	October	2024
Vyondys 53 (golodirsen)	October	2024
Wearable Automatic External Defibrillator	October	2024
Ycanth (cantharidin)	October	2024
Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel)	October	2024
Ablative Laser Treatment of Burns and Traumatic Scars	January	2025
Adstiladrin (nadofaragene firadenovec-vncg)	January	2025
Aduhelm (aducanumab-avwa) ( <i>Archived</i> )	January	2025
Amvuttra (vutrisiran)	January	2025
Artificial Disc Replacement Surgery	January	2025
Ceiling Track Lifts and/or Electric Patient Lifts	January	2025
Chromosomal Microarray Analysis	January	2025
Continuous Glucose Monitoring	January	2025
Cranial Orthotics	January	2025
CT Colonography ( <i>Archived</i> )	January	2025
Environmental Modification and Adaptive Devices	January	2025
Fecal Microbiota Transplantation	January	2025
Home and Vehicle Modification	January	2025
Injectafer (ferric carboxymaltose)	January	2025
Insulin Pumps	January	2025
Intermediate Care Facility/Intellectual Disability Level of Care	January	2025
Kimmtrak (tebentafusp-tebn)	January	2025
Lutathera (lutetium Lu 177 dotatate)	January	2025
Mobility Related Device Purchase	January	2025
Myoelectric Prosthesis Upper Extremity ( <i>Archived</i> )	January	2025
Nipple Tattooing	January	2025
Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing for Aneuploidy Using Cell Free DNA ( <i>Archived</i> )	January	2025
Orphan Drugs (Rare Diseases) (criteria includes Brineura, Cablivi, Givlaari)	January	2025
Orthodontic Procedures	January	2025
Periodontic Procedures	January	2025
Pluvicto (lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan)	January	2025

Criteria	Actioned	
Power Seat Elevation for Power Wheelchairs	January	2025
Power Wheelchair Attendant Controls	January	2025
RELIZORB®	January	2025
Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation	January	2025
Tecartus (brexucabtagene autoleucel)	January	2025
Visual Aids and Vision Therapy	January	2025
Vitamin, Mineral, Amino Acid Supplements	January	2025
Whole Exome Sequencing	January	2025
Zulresso (brexanolone)	January	2025
Zynyz (retifanlimab-dlwr)	January	2025
Augmentative Communication Systems	April	2025
Back-up Ventilator	April	2025
Bariatric Surgery	April	2025
Blepharoplasty ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Botulinum Toxins	April	2025
Briumvi (ublituximab-xiyy)	April	2025
Cochlear Implant ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Cochlear Implant Repair and Replacement	April	2025
Consumer Directed Attendant Care	April	2025
Crysvita (burosumab-twza)	April	2025
Elaprase (idursulfase)	April	2025
Elevidys (delandistrogene moxeparvovec-rokl)	April	2025
Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj)	April	2025
Enjaymo (sutimlimab-jome)	April	2025
Gait Trainer/Stander	April	2025
Genetic Testing ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Genetic Testing for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome(BRCA1/BRCA2) ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Imjudo (tremelimumab-actl)	April	2025
Jelmyto (mitomycin gel)	April	2025
Korsuva (difelikefalin)	April	2025
Krystexxa (pegloticase)	April	2025
Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel)	April	2025
Lamzede (velmanase alfa-tycv)	April	2025
Lung Transplant	April	2025
Lunsumio (mosunetuzumab-axgb)	April	2025
Luxturna (voretigene neparvovec-rzyl)	April	2025
Molecular Analysis for Targeted Therapy of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	April	2025
Natalizumab Agents (Tysabri, Tyruko)	April	2025
Nexvazyme (avalglucosidase alfa-ngpt)	April	2025

Criteria	Actioned	
Nursing Facility Level of Care	April	2025
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	April	2025
Pancreas Transplant	April	2025
Pediatric Skilled Nursing Facility Level of Care	April	2025
Periodontic Procedures	April	2025
Personal Care Services for Children	April	2025
Power Seat Elevation for Power Wheelchairs	April	2025
Prevocational Services	April	2025
Private Duty Nursing for Children	April	2025
Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children Level of Care	April	2025
Qalsody (tofersen)	April	2025
Radicava (edaravone)	April	2025
Rystiggo (rozanolixizumab-noli)	April	2025
Safety Beds	April	2025
Septoplasty-Rhinoplasty ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Shower/Commode Chair	April	2025
Skilled Level of Care	April	2025
Spinraza (nusinersen)	April	2025
Spravato (esketamine nasal spray)	April	2025
Tepezza (teprotumumab-trbw)	April	2025
Testing for Hereditary Cancer Susceptibility Syndromes Using Multi-Gene Panels ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Tzield (teplizumab-mzwv)	April	2025
Vagus Nerve Stimulator ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Varicose Vein Treatment ( <i>Archived</i> )	April	2025
Veopoz (pozelimab-bbfg)	April	2025
Vyepti (eptinezumab-jjmr)	April	2025
Vyvgart and Vyvgart Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa-fcab; efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc)	April	2025
Xenpozyme (olipudase alfa-rpcp)	April	2025
Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)	April	2025