

Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee (MRAC) Annual Report to Legislative Counsel Bureau



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Background & Authority

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 422.175 to 422.205, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) must establish an advisory committee to provide advisory recommendations to DHCFP and Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) regarding the investment of profits by MCOs in the communities they serve. Specifically, this advisory committee must be established in any county where the population is 700,000 or more. At this time, only Clark County satisfies this requirement.

The State's current contract with MCOs includes a requirement that each MCO must reinvest at least 3 percent of its pretax profits in the community being served by the MCO. Annually, MCOs are required to submit a written plan to DHCFP detailing the anticipated community reinvestment activities. These requirements are new to the Nevada Medicaid managed care program and began on January 1, 2022, at the start of the new contract period. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2025.

The MRAC is required to meet at least twice a year and provide a report to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, concerning (1) the uses of funds reinvested by MCOs in communities, including efforts to address homelessness, disparities, and social determinants of health; and (2) activities of the MRAC during the year, including recommendations made by MRAC to MCOs about future reinvestments of funds.

Recommendations by MRAC must focus on the use of reinvestment funds for the purposes of (1) developing innovative partnerships with community development organizations and providers of housing services; and (2) supporting the initiatives of local governments in the county to address homelessness, housing issues, and social determinants of health.

Per state law, MRAC membership includes eight voting members that meet the following requirements:

- The DHCFP Administrator;
 - Suzanne Bierman, Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- The director of a social services agency of a county;
 - Filled by Timothy Burch, Administrator of Human Services, Clark County
- A representative of the government of a county;
 - Margaret LeBlanc, CPA, Assistant Director, Clark County Department of Family Services, Clark County Social Service
- Two members representing city governments in a county with populations of 100,000 or more;
 - Serafin Calvo-Arreola, Director of Community Services and Engagement, City of North Las Vegas
 - Kathi Thomas, Director of the Office of Community Services, City of Las Vegas
 - Hayley Jarolimek, Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Henderson
- Two members representing nonprofit organizations working with managed care recipients who reside in the county; and
 - Fuilala Riley, President & CEO, HELP of Southern Nevada
 - Erika Washington, Executive Director, Make It Work Nevada
- One member who represents the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).
 - Robert Thompson, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)

The Director of DHHS may add as many nonvoting members as appropriate. A complete list of the members of MRAC for 2022 can be found in the Appendix.

- One non-voting member was added: Frank L. Deal, M.Ed., Consumer Member (non-voting), Silver Summit Health Plan (SSHP)

Overview MRAC Activities

MRAC met three times during Calendar Year (CY) 2022. The first meeting took place in person and virtually on Thursday, June 30, 2022. At this meeting, MRAC appointed a chair and reviewed and approved the bylaws for the committee. The group also heard presentations from each MCO regarding their proposed reinvestment plans for CY2022 in addition to public comment. State staff walked through the duties and responsibilities and upcoming meeting schedule.

The second meeting took place on Thursday, September 29, 2022. The Committee heard presentations from local city and county officials regarding various initiatives that could benefit from receiving the reinvestment dollars from MCOs. Presenters included:

- Dagny Stapleton, Community Housing Administrator, Clark County
- Karen Schneider, Social Services Manager, Clark County
- Hayley Jarolimek, Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Henderson
- Jocelyn Bluit-Fisher, Manager, City of Las Vegas

For the third meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022, MRAC reviewed all the information presented to the committee including all public comments. This information was summarized by state officials at DHCFP to assist committee members with ranking the items presented for final recommendations to MCOs. The meeting ended with public comment on the rankings by MRAC members.

For more information about the agendas and materials reviewed by the committee, please see information available on the DHCFP MRAC website [here](https://dhcftp.nv.gov/Public/AdminSupport/MeetingArchive/MRAC/2022/2022_MRACArchiveHome/):
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Summary of MCO Reinvestment Fund Proposals

As presented by MCOs to MRAC, and found within their draft reports to DHCFP, MCOs shared their plans for reinvestment spending for CY2022. These proposals highlighted support of a variety of community initiatives across service areas, not solely in Clark County, and focused primarily on the following activities:

- Housing supports and services
- Food supports
- Maternal and infant health promotion
- Community integration for justice-involved populations
- Behavioral health support centers
- Financial literacy
- Health literacy
- Project ECHO (expansion of access to care for mental health illness & substance use disorders)
- Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- Mobile units for health promotion
- Health equity training for providers

For more information regarding the information shared by MCOs with MRAC, please see the materials posted online for the meeting on June 30, 2022, [here](#):

https://dhcfnv.gov/Public/AdminSupport/MeetingArchive/MRAC/2022/2022_MRACArchiveHome/.

The MCO annual reinvestment reports are available [here](#) (<https://dhcfnv.gov/Public/AdminSupport/MeetingArchive/MRAC/2022/2022/>). It should be noted that MCOs must also submit a final annual report of actual community reinvestment expenditures within three months after the end of the corresponding Contract Year. This means DHCNP expects to receive the final reports from MCOs on actual spending of profits for CY2022 by March 31, 2023. DHCNP will share this information with MRAC members.

MRAC Recommendations

At the last meeting, MRAC members reviewed the information presented to the committee and ranked each item according to priority level. Such rankings represent the Committee’s recommendations to MCOs for their preparation of spending proposals for reinvestment spending in CY2023. These recommendations are as follows:

Community-Focused Projects Related to Homelessness & Housing Insecurity

Local projects focused on homelessness in the Clark County area were recommended as the top priority for MCO reinvestment dollars. Specifically, MRAC recommends that these dollars be used to advance local efforts aimed at assisting community members experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, including but not limited to housing supports and services (including housing search and location activities), housing sustainment activities, long-term housing and permanent supportive housing services (subsidized housing focused on tenancy sustainment with tenancy supports), and payments and deposits needed to secure and maintain housing.

Table 1: Tier-One Recommendations for Reinvestment Funds
Projects focused on Addressing Homelessness & Housing Insecurity in Community

City of Henderson	City of Las Vegas	Clark County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henderson Homeless Response Team • Any projects that promote or support the response team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtyard Homeless Resource Center • Transitional Housing Units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Housing Fund • Rapid Rehousing Project • Operation HOME (high-risk homeless population) • Non-Congregate Shelter (COVID-related) • Rental Assistance & Eviction Diversion

** MRAC recommends these initiatives as the top priority, and they are given equal weight in their recommendation to MCOs.*

Community-Focused Projects Related to Health Disparities & Social Determinants of Health

MRAC recommended grouping proposals under a second-tier recommendation for reinvestment funds. The second-tier proposals consist of local initiatives focused on addressing health disparities and social determinants of health at the local and community level. The proposal “group” is listed in order of ranking by MRAC. Initiatives related to each proposal group were given equal weight and not ranked in priority.

Table 2: Tier-Two Recommendations for Reinvestment Funds

<p>Group 1: Programs Providing Food and Basic Necessities for Families <i>Example initiatives:</i> City of Henderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Foods Local Places Initiative • Pittman Neighborhood Revitalization Plan • Meal Programs for Seniors • USDA Farm to School Grant • REACH Grant Health Corner Store
<p>Group 2: Programs Addressing Health Care Provider Workforce Gaps <i>Example initiatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project ECHO
<p>Group 3: Programs focused on Wellness Promotion <i>Example initiatives:</i> City of Henderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness Initiatives • Valley View Resource Fair & Clean Up • Award-Winning Parks & Trails • Park Redesign • City Walkability & Bikeability Initiatives • Opioid Crisis Response Clark County • Wash & Wellness Program for Homeless
<p>Group 4: Efforts to Improve Population Health Management at Provider Level <i>Example initiatives:</i> Primary Care Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software to support population health management at the provider level
<p>Group 5: School-Based Programs to Support Health <i>Example initiatives:</i> City of Henderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henderson Education Initiatives Team • One Hill Resilience Project • Invo IMPACT • Henderson Hope Squad • Academic Enrichment for Safe Key • Preschool Enhancements • Broadband Access • Henderson School Summit

For more information on MRAC meetings and findings, please see the DHCFP MRAC webpage <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Boards/AdminSupport/MRACMain/>.