

Charter: Equity, Access, and Medicaid Committee

I. Purpose

A. The Medicaid Committee (MedCom) aims to increase the availability and coverage of acupuncture for Medicaid enrollees across the country. The initial focus is to gather information about Medicaid coverage state by state, and to create pathways for states to gain and expand Medicaid coverage based on lessons learned. The Medicaid Committee will create and provide tools and resources for our membership organizations, and help apply those tools and resources to other coverage programs when collaboration opportunities arise.

II. Composition

- A. The MedCom shall be composed of ASA members that are vetted by the Nominations Committee (NomCom).
1. Applicants must submit a committee application to be reviewed by the NomCom, along with the MedCom Chair.
 2. Appointment is based on the individual skills and current needs of the committee.
 3. The MedCom will have three to nine members.
- B. The MedCom Chair shall be determined by the Medicaid Committee and approved by the ASA Chair.
- C. The Board Liaison will be determined by the ASA's Board of Directors (Board).

III. Committee Members

- A. Preferred Experience
1. Previous experience working with healthcare coverage, policy, legislation, and/or strategic planning.
- B. Desirable Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities (SKAs)
1. Knowledge of insurance, state agencies, and legislative processes.
 2. Works well in a team.



3. Able to use or willing to learn MS Office and other software programs, including Google Docs.
4. Passionate and driven.
5. Willing to commit to monthly meetings and assigned tasks between meetings.

C. Professional and Personal Attributes

1. Determination and perseverance.
2. Personal and professional integrity.
3. Demonstrates collegiality and collaboration.
4. Patience and kindness, willingness to mentor upcoming professionals

D. Responsibilities, **MedCom** will:

1. Interface with ASA leadership and committees whose work is related to similar initiatives as MedCom such as: Advocacy, Research and Insurance committees.
2. Reach out to the states to identify members who have done this work in the past, and those who are interested in doing this work in the future in order to create a relationship-building system.
3. Maintain communication with stakeholders who are working on similar initiatives.
4. Create material to share with the states regarding healthcare coverage and how to implement changes that relate to healthcare coverage, policy, and access.

IV. Meetings

- A. The Medicaid Committee will meet monthly with additional meetings as needed.
 1. Meetings will be via phone or zoom for 1-2 hours.

V. Order of Operations

- A. Committee members will work in a collaborative environment to determine initiatives and strategy.
- B. Concerns from committee members can be brought to the Chair or the Board Liaison, or if necessary, the ASA Chair.
- C. The Board Liaison and/or Chair will communicate with the ASA BOD regarding matters that require board approval.

VI. Current Positions

- A. Chair
 - 1. Tuesday Wasserman
- B. Board Liaison
 - 1. Amy Mager
- C. Members
 - 1. Joe Pandolfo
 - 2. Jared West
 - 3. Denise Tyson
 - 4. Laura Ocker
 - 5. Beth Howlett

VII. Phase I Goals

- A. Establish Medicaid Committee members
- B. Identify key liaison(s) from each state
- C. Connect with national stakeholders/allies such as: AAMA, NCCAOM, WHITS, IM4US
- D. Host workgroup meetings with liaisons 1-2/year
- E. Identify needs, pathways to success, and asks within each state
 - 1. Focus on member states first
- F. Create evidence-based informational material to support states that are working on healthcare coverage and expansion.



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1. Team with

Research Committee to vet research

G. Team with Advocacy Committee regarding distribution of materials,
training, and messaging for LAc advocates.