



Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Medical Advisory Council (MAC)
(Previously named Medically Handicapped Children's Medical Advisory Council)
Agency Name _____

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Ohio Department of Health's Complex Medical Help (CMH) program was previously known as Children with Medical Handicaps until the program name was changed last year in HB 33. The CMH acronym was purposefully retained.

The ODH Complex Medical Help (CMH) program serves approximately 40,000 Ohio children, youth and youth adults with special healthcare needs and their families. The program receives approximately 60 new applications daily, performs annual re-certification on all participants, provides care coordination through a network of local public health nurses statewide, and maintains a network of more than 11,000 clinicians and providers statewide.

CMH program's advisory council is now in statute as the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Medical Advisory Council (MAC). The MAC supports the work of CMH and other ODH programs and plays an important role in advising the Director of Health about emerging needs, technologies, and treatment modalities for Ohio's children with special health care needs.

Members also advise on efficient administration of the CMH Program regarding enrollment of providers and emerging provider types. The clinicians on the MAC provide insight into challenges in healthcare systems (i.e. third-party payer policies and coverage gaps, care coordination, etc).

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

ODH's Complex Medical Help (CMH) program staff provides administrative support to the MAC.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

There is no funding allocated for the Council.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The MAC has 21 seats comprised of physicians, including pediatric specialists and sub-specialists, nurse practitioners, and other clinicians familiar with care for children with special needs.

Members are appointed by the Director of Health. The MAC has no paid staff and members are not compensated for their service. Members are permitted in statute to receive reimbursement for expenses; however, no members have submitted for reimbursement since the early 1990s.

Since the pandemic, the MAC has experienced challenges reaching a quorum for in-person meetings, and finding medical professionals willing to fill membership seats.

Additional notes

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