## Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee Minutes October 27, 2021 134th General Assembly

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair Romanchuk pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the Senate North Hearing Room.

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was present. The minutes of the September 23, 2021, meeting were approved without objection.

Senator Antani asked for the opportunity to comment and stated that he believes the Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MCPs) do a great service for Ohio and it is his wish that the Committee focus on Medicaid as a whole and not just the MCPs.

The Chair announced that JMOC would begin by hearing testimony concerning Pharmacy Benefit Manager, PBMs, and their effects on Ohio's Medicaid Program. Eric Geyer, PharmD, Pharmacy Director for the Centers for Families and Children & Circle Health Services, was called forward to provide testimony.

Members asked questions.

The Chair called forward Antonio Ciaccia, President of 3 Axis Advisors, who provided testimony as well as a presentation of the PBM issue.

Members asked questions.

Ernie Boyd, Executive Director of the Ohio Pharmacists Association gave testimony.

No questions were asked.

Director Maureen Corcoran of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) was called forward to testify. Written testimony was not submitted.

Members asked questions.

The Chair announced that the Committee was moving to the second item on the agenda and asked Director Corcoran to provide insight on the issues brought forward at the last JMOC meeting, Ohio's Medicaid Provider's interactions with Ohio's MCPs. Written testimony was not submitted.

The Chair called forward ODM's Director of Legislative Affairs, Steven Alexander, to provide further details. Written testimony was not submitted.

Members asked questions.

With no further business before the Committee, Vice-Chair Romanchuk adjourned the Committee at approximately 5:22 p.m.

P. Scott Lipps, Chair

Nickie Antonio, Secretary