

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE  
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**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON**

**“THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE FINANCE”**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

**REMOTE HEARING VIA WEBEX**

**BROADCAST LIVE ON DC COUNCIL CHANNEL 13**

**STREAMED LIVE AT [WWW.DCCOUNCIL.US](http://WWW.DCCOUNCIL.US) AND [ENTERTAINMENT.DC.GOV](http://ENTERTAINMENT.DC.GOV).**

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a public oversight roundtable on “The Department of Health Care Finance.” The roundtable will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., or immediately following the committee’s 9:00 a.m. legislative hearing, via Webex.

There are four issues that will be examined during this roundtable. First, the committee will examine the selection of the Medicaid managed care contracts for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021, which begins October 1, 2020 and ends September 30, 2021. The Medicaid Managed Care Program consists of the DC Healthy Families Program, which includes adults with special health care needs, adults receiving Supplemental Security-Income (SSI) and with SSI-related disabilities, the District of Columbia Healthcare Alliance Program, and the Immigrant Children's Program. The proposed contracts are certified for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,492,392,346.13, the total contract NTE amount for all three managed care organization contracts. The three contracts that were submitted to the Council were:

- CA23-0637, Proposed Contract with Trusted Health Plan (District of Columbia, Inc.), DBA CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Community Health Plan;
- CA23-0638, Proposed Contract CW83148 with MedStar Family Choice; and
- CA23-0642, Proposed Contract with AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia, Inc.

Second, the Committee will examine health care access for residents using the Medicaid managed care program. The District of Columbia has the second lowest uninsured rate among all states in the nation, with almost 97 percent of District residents covered. However, historically, residents with Medicaid insurance have had difficulty using their insurance in all hospitals throughout the District. Additionally, there has been a lack of health care services in Wards 7 and 8 that make it harder to effectively utilize health insurance. The Committee will discuss how the recently approved Bill 23-0777, the “New Hospital at St. Elizabeths Act of 2020”, and changes to the District’s managed care requirements will help provide all residents with quality health care access.

Third, the Committee will examine the next steps for engaging with the residents of the United Medical Center's skilled nursing facility that were displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that the Board of Directors of the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation has decided to permanently close the skilled nursing facility, the Committee will explore the Department of Health Care Finance's process for communicating with these residents and their families to provide them with complete information about their options.

Finally, the Committee will examine the recent loss of power at United Medical Center on July 23, 2020, with Mr. Wayne Turnage in his role as Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and UMC Board member. The Committee will inquire if any additional repairs or capital upgrades are needed at the hospital following the power outage.

Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health by e-mail at [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or by phone at (202) 341-4425 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020. When sending an e-mail or leaving a voicemail, please provide Mr. Cameron with the following information:

- Your first and last name;
- The name of the organization you are representing (if any);
- Your title with the organization;
- Your e-mail address;
- Your phone number; and
- The specific bill/s you will be testifying about.

Mr. Cameron will e-mail a confirmation of your attendance with an agenda, witness list, and attached instructions for accessing the Webex video conference hearing by 12:00 p.m. on July 28, 2020. Oral testimony will be strictly limited to three minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to testify. Due to technological limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the first four hours of the roundtable will be broadcasted, however, the Webex hearing will continue until all witnesses who have signed up have had an opportunity to testify.

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Persons wishing to provide written testimony should e-mail their written testimony to Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health at [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020. Any testimony provided after this time will not be made part of the hearing record. Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. The Committees also welcome e-mails commenting on the proposed legislation, however, this correspondence is not included in the official Committee report if it is not labeled as testimony.