PURPOSE OF THE MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 1902(a)(22) of the Social Security Act requires establishment of a committee to

advise the Medicaid agency director about health and medical services. Each member is appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Committee must consist of:

1. providers because of professional/scientific backgrounds;
2. consumers who represent the general public and are aware of the general inadequacies of medical care in the community in terms of both quality and quantity;
3. recipients or former recipients who are directly served by the Program and are aware of special problems confronting those seeking care.

The Committee will consider such issues as revisions of existing policies (policy

development) and methods of assessing the quality of care. The Committee must be

made up of members from all of the 13 congressional districts. Each member is asked to serve a three-year term.