



Managed Care Ombudsman Program Quarterly Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

QUARTERLY OVERVIEW

The Managed Care Ombudsman Program is required to track issues on a monthly basis. For analysis purposes, this report provides a high-level overview of the data aggregated over the three months of

Contacts

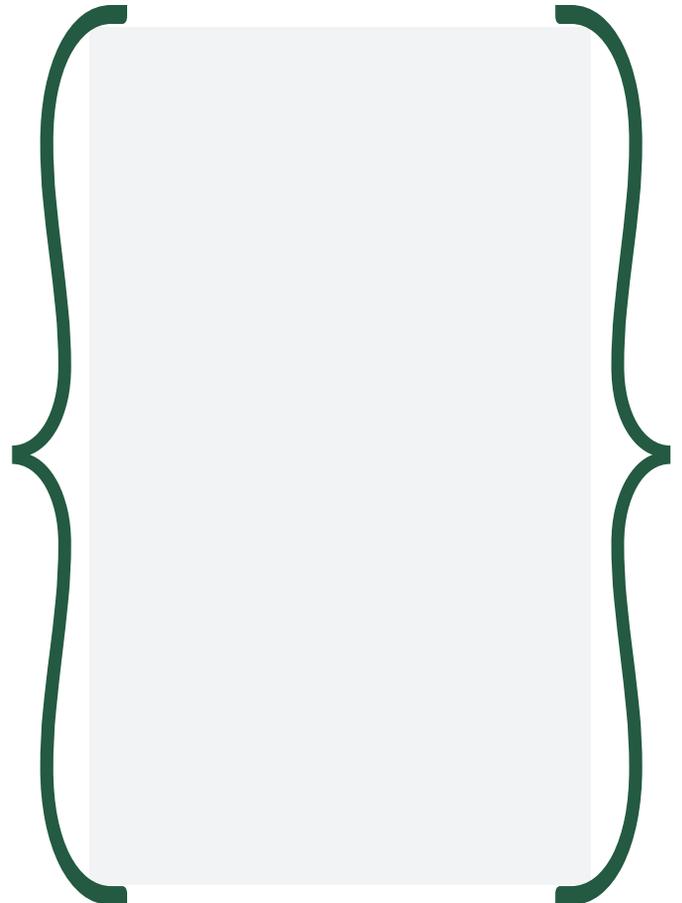
The Managed Care Ombudsman is available by telephone, email and mail; however, most contacts made to the program are received via telephone. The total number of contacts fluctuates among months for various reasons, such as the approach of a deadline for members to change their managed care organization (MCO) without cause or the issuance of materials by Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) that are difficult for members to understand.

Top Issues

There are nine major issue categories that the program tracks on a monthly basis (please refer to the Monthly Report for the categories). Each major category has subcategories that further define the issue. The most prevalent issues addressed during this quarter included:

Average Resolution Time

The resolution time begins when the Managed Care Ombudsman receives the issue and ends when the issue is resolved. The average resolution time is calculated each month by adding the resolution time for each issue together and dividing by the total number of issues handled that month. Oftentimes, the Managed Care Ombudsman must work with other agencies or organizations (i.e., IME, the member's MCO, the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman) to resolve the issue.



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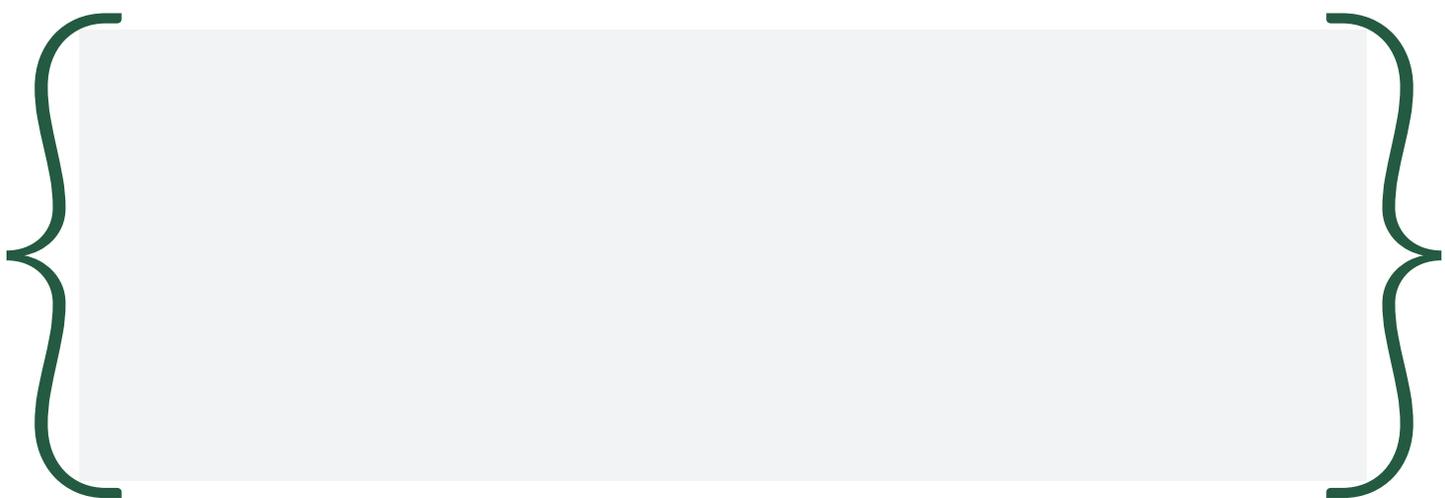
Grievances/Appeals/Fair Hearings

The table below shows a side-by-side comparison of the data discussed:

Month	Number of Contacts	Top Three Issues	Average Resolution Time	Program	Contacts per MCO	Contacts Related to Grievances/Appeals/Fair Hearings

SYSTEMIC TRENDS

In addition to tracking monthly member issues, the Managed Care Ombudsman Program documents and tracks systemic trends brought to the attention of the office. The following discusses the systemic trends identified:



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

Advocacy is more than complaint resolution or assistance with filing a grievance, appeal or fair hearing. It includes providing education, information, consultation, technical assistance or making a referral to the appropriate entity to ensure members have the information needed to make informed decisions regarding their care and partnering with community stakeholders to connect members to resources beyond the Managed Care Ombudsman’s programmatic scope.

The Managed Care Ombudsman Program has built a network with other advocacy and provider groups, associations, organizations and agencies to coordinate the provision of assistance to members. The Managed Care Ombudsman Program also participates in various forums and workgroups on a regular basis to inform discussion and to address collective concerns expressed when possible.

The Managed Care Ombudsman Program has presented at various workgroups and forums and distributed program materials. The table below identifies programmatic outreach efforts and total number of communication materials distributed:

Month	Presentations	Brochures	Bookmarks	Member Packets

Additionally, the Managed Care Ombudsman Program maintains a website with information regarding the program’s services, informational materials and links to other resources. Electronic versions of our communications materials and tools can be found on our website at <https://www.iowaaging.gov/long-term-care-ombudsman/managed-care-ombudsman>.

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