#### MHCA Committee Report

*To Be Submitted to Executive Director* ***10 -14 days*** *prior to the board meeting*

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| Committee: | Advocacy Committee |
| Board Liaison: | Olga Sheveleva |
| Meeting Date: | 10/13/2021 & 11/10/2021 |

###### Highlight Discussion Topics (1-3 sentences)

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| * EVV start date postponed until further notice |
| * 2022 Legislative Session Priorities: Raising reimbursement for lowest reimbursed services (PCA rate components, Homemaking, Chore services); Seeking reimbursement for underbilling of services (Formed workgroup to discuss start of care and any additional non-billable/underpaid activities); UMPI Portability (Use of one-time funds to automate the process possibly utilizing DHS provider portal) |
| * MFPA Collaboration: Alliance will lead on PCA reimbursement efforts, MHCA will focus on UMPI process * MN Frontline Worker Panel did not come to a compromised decision by the deadline. There are two separate proposals from DFL and GOP. DFL proposal included PCAs. Need special session to move forward. * Advocacy efforts for Staffing Shortage: Kathy and Kevin will be meeting with DHS staff on efforts to provide staffing or funding capacity for home care. * Choose home initiative to have Medicare cover in-home care after a hospital discharge: waiting on Sen. Smith to sign on. |

###### Recommendation for Board Consideration:

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| Brief Background: |
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| Recommendation per committee vote: |
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