

Summary Minutes: Medical Care Advisory Committee
June 6-7, 2014
Health Care Services Office
Anchorage, Alaska

Members/Medicaid Program officials present: Tracy Charles-Smith, Chair; Lorilyn Swanson, Vice Chair; Margaret Brodie, HCS Director; Catriona Lowe; Renee Stoll, RPh; Mark Walker; Renae Axelson; Dan Kiley, DDS; Joy Neyhart, D.O.; Deb Etheridge HCS Program Review Manager; William Streur DHSS Commissioner; Duane Mayes SDS Director; Al Wall DBH Director

Friday June 06, 2014

Minutes of January 24-25, 2014. Adopted as presented.

Announcements. None at this time

Department and Divisional updates

Margret Brodie, HCS Division Director and Deb Etheridge, HCS Program Review Manager provided the following updates to the committee

• **Legislative updates**

- HB361 Licensing of Behavior Analysts.
 - **HB361 version “A”** amends AS 08 by adding a new chapter 15, *Establishing a license of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts*
 - Defines the practice of behavior analysis and qualification for license
 - Provides authority to administer a temporary license and renew license
 - Establishes grounds for suspension, revocation or refusal to issue a license and disciplinary sanctions
 - Provides for exemptions to the licensing requirement
 - Requires the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development to adopt regulations to implement licensure of behavior analysts, to include continuing education requirements and standards for licensure by credentials.

- SB049 Medical Necessity for Abortions.

This bill defines medical necessity for Abortions. Definition is more restrictive than current form. Court order nonuse of current form.

 - Adds Legislative Intent language to uncodified law that the legislature provides a definition of the phrase “medically necessary” for purposes of Medicaid funding of abortion services and continues to fund existing women’s health programs.
 - The bill prohibits, in statute, the payment of abortion services in the Medicaid program unless the abortion services are medically necessary or the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. “Medically necessary abortions” are defined in the bill.
 - The bill prohibits payments of elective abortions, which are defined in the bill.
 - The bill defines “serious risk to the life or physical health” for purposes of further defining medically necessary abortions which includes a non-exclusive list of impairments of major bodily functions.

- SB169 Vaccine Assessment Fee – Requires the Department to seek federal authority to participate in the vaccine assessment fee program. This program allows payer (insurance,

Medicaid, Medicare, HIS) to pay a assessed fee to the board for vaccines. The board purchases those vaccines at a lower rate and distributes them back for no cost.

- HB134 Payment of Medisets Fees. While there was a significant activity with this bill to set in Statue the Medicaid payment of a Medisets fee, ultimately this bill did not move out of Rules committee.

- **RFP on PCA Pilot Project**

- In procurement and we hope to have it out this next quarter.
- This project is also known as the “Electronic Visit Verification Program”.

- **Super Utilizer update**

- The RFP closed on Tues. June 03, 2014. There were four (4) applications for the PEC to score next Wed. June 11, 2014.
- The contract will be awarded the week of June 23, 2014 and will initially be for three years.
- First round of letters to the identified Super Utilizers are set to be mailed out next week. The letters are to inform the recipients of the program and the benefits, also to allow for them to volunteer.
- Second and third round letters will be informing the recipients that they will be placed in a different program that has limited choices available.
- The program is expected to begin in the Summer of 2014.

- **MMIS update**

- On May 28, 2014 the BRS update broke both the waiver and BRS. One hundred thousand claims hit edit 4418.
- A fix was input into the system on June 05, 2014 to reprocess the claims.
- Tribal issues continue with claims being paid at encounter rates. There is a schedule set for reprocessing the claims through the summer.
 - Since “Go-Live” the tribal claims weren’t properly adjudicated to the proper F-MAP, the RA’s need to be repressed and put on a separate cycle and will be reprocessed.
- Xerox was sent a Cure Letter stating they are out of compliance and requesting a Plan of Action.
 - The Commissioner and Xerox had a meeting where they presented their Plan of Action that will go through the end of summer.
- Production meetings with Xerox are held two times a week on Tues and Thurs mornings, to work on the issues.
- Advance payments
 - Letters were sent out to the providers by provider ID# to start the recoupment process.
 - The Accounting & Recovery unit is working with the providers on repayment options and schedules.

- **Cash for Drugs Project**

- A regulation change will take effect in Oct 01, 2014 or Jan 01, 2015; pharmacies will no longer allow Medicaid clients to pay cash for prescription drugs. This change was generated by drug seekers.

- **RFP on Patient Centered Medical Homes**

- The RFP was awarded to the following:
 - Eastern Aleutian Tribes
 - Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
 - Peninsula Health Center
 - Providence Alaska Family Medicine Residency
 - Mat-Su Health Center

- **Medisets update**

- This issue was addressed in more detail during the Legislative Update portion of the meeting.

- **State Plan Amendment updates**

- Administration of Medicaid
 - Outline current practice for the state authority to administer Medicaid
- Hospital Presumptive Eligibility
 - Hospital option to make presumptive eligibility determinations for MAGI Medicaid eligibility groups.
- Pharmacy
 - Comport with regulation changes/Whole Sale Accusation cost +1%
- Free Standing Birth Centers
 - Will be submitted to ensure state is in compliance with current CMS requirements

Departmental update and Medical Reform Advisory Group (MRAG) update

William Streur, DHSS Commissioner provided the following updates to the committee

- The Department is following the Results Based Accountability structure moving forward. All of the divisions are to think departmental not just divisional when meeting their goals.
- The Commissioner spoke with North Dakota about their upcoming “Go Live” date with Xerox and was able to share the good and bad experiences and the lessons learned to help them as they prepare.
- Currently working with the other States that have Xerox as their fiscal agent to get the attention of CMS.
- Medicaid expansion is not going to happen at this time. A GAP study will soon be released to the MRAG for their review.
- The Department and MRAG are looking more into the benefits and capabilities of telemedicine over travel to reduce costs.

Senior Disability Services

Duane Mayes, SDS Director provided information on SDS by PowerPoint presentation

- Duane provided an overview of the Continuum of Care, cost comparisons of Home and Community based Services to Institutional Care and delivery of services to SDS clients.

Public Comment. Lorilyn Swanson, MCAC Vice-Chair. Public comment was held in the North conference room at the Anchorage Neighborhood Medical Center from 1:00-3:30pm. The committee heard comment from three individuals in person.

- Allison Lee, Executive Director of ResCare
 - Came to discuss the importance of a sustainable fraud-free PCA program. It is the least costly option to provide hands-on care to clients in Alaska.
- Troy Weiss, son of a Dementia patient in an ALH
 - Wanted to share his story of the issues his family has faced in providing adequate care for his mother. He has had problems with the assessment process and Fair Hearing process. He would like to have guidance on how to proceed with SDS
- Theresa Brisky, Administrator of Marlow Manor
 - Attended the public comment to support Troy Weiss, his mother is a resident in the Dementia Ward of Marlow Manor.

Behavioral Health

Al Wall, DBH Director introduced himself as the new Director to the committee and provided updates on the division.

- The division is focused on building an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team that would provide wrap around services. The Director has experience setting up an ACT Team while working in Georgia and has seen it work very well.
- The verbiage on the FASD program ages out on Jan 1, 2015 and the division is looking at Grant Reformation.
- There have been documentation and provider reporting issues that are currently being addressed.

Roundtable discussion. The committee members were given five minutes to advocate for their stakeholder group.

- Tracy Charles-Smith
 - Good at this time
- Joy Neyhart
 - Concerned about mid-wife issues.
- Catriona Lowe
 - Family planning contraception
- Shelly Deering
 - Good at this time
- Dan Kiley
 - Pre-Authorization (PA) for adult dentistry response time has improved but still needs work.
 - Alaska Dental Society feels there needs to be “fence mending” between the State and Dentists.
 - Would like to see the PA process go to an online format.
- Renae Axelson
 - Good at this time
- Mark Walker
 - Wants to see documentation and data collection for Behavioral Health to be streamlined.
- Lorilyn Swanson
 - Would like to see more objectivity on determination of care.
 - Dementia focus to be included on the Recommendations to the Commissioner

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Results Based Accountability

- The overall communication and advertising of the committee has improved.
- Action Plan
 - Continue to add to the public comment
 - Send thank you acknowledgment of participation at the public comment
 - Keep track of applicants that volunteer to serve on the committee
 - Review the communication plan quarterly

Communication Plan. Renae Axelson

The communication plan was developed due to a need for a more organized approach to inform, invite and increase turn out for public comment.

- When you have a new contact or recommendation, send the information to Renae to be added to the database.

Recommendations to the Commissioner. Tracy Charles-Smith

- Dementia and Alzheimer coverage in Medicaid
- Medicaid Director to be put at the Deputy Commissioner level
- Contract to outside vendor for SDS Assessment testing

Prepare for September meeting. Tracey Charles-Smith

- The next meeting will be September 5-6, 2014 in Soldotna, AK
- Tour Riverside Assisted Living Home
- Have the Assisted Living Home program manager speak to the committee on the how the program works and the process for a home to be licensed.
- Speak about family planning