

LTC Redesign Meeting Notes January 9, 2019

Heather welcomed attendees

Electronic Visit Verification Update – Mary McMichael

- Working with procurement to prepare RFP for release
- Current Target date of February 2020 for implementation, pending Vendor schedule
- Internal work – Continuing to review regulations which may need updates
- Evaluation training and communication needs for providers and participants
- We may ask for testers from this stakeholder group prior to implementation.

State Transition Plan – Kathy Scheele

- Some settings may need to make changes to be in compliance with the new HCBS Final Rule.
- All AD Waiver settings have been assessed.
- All settings must be in compliance by 3/17/22 if they want to be HCBS compliant.
- Working on remediation forms to be in compliance.
- DD is hoping to be through their settings by mid-January
- There will be a Public Comment period prior to submission to CMS for final approval.
- The Final Rule does not allow those providing services to also assess for the Level of Care, as this would be a Conflict of Interest.

Children's Level of Care – Kathy Scheele

- The Pediatric Nurse at DHHS will continue completing Level of Care
- Prior to December 2018, we did not have regulations for assessing a skilled level of care specifically for children.

Nursing Facility Pay for Performance – Dr. Van Patton

- The current payment methodology is based on facility costs, census and appropriation changes. It does not factor in quality of care provided.
- Look at outcomes from diagnosis to prescriptions which leads to good data studying.
- Look at quality and continuity of care.
- What is happening in the marketplace?
- Nebraska has a rule of law, with a payment method in the regulations, and we have to follow it.
- Pay based on utilization

- Create a system of rewards
- Payment model that makes high levels stay there and lower to move up

National Core Indicators – Stephanie Crouch

- We will present results from last survey in March meeting
- We are one of the first states to add a Person Centered Planning Module.
- Sending out an introductory letter helped pave the way for our surveyors reception.

TBI Renewal

- CMS approved an extension to March 31st
- We are open to more providers.
 - No one else has applied
- We are aware there is a desire for TBI services in the home.

MFP Sustainability

- We are looking at expanding the Home Again service currently in Waiver
- We realize a Tenancy service is needed

Other Points

- Currently the Fiscal Agent will be used with AD Waiver Services
- Possible also used with Lifespan Respite
- Senator signed the Children's Level of Care on December 19, 2018
- Much discussion ensued from families with children
- It was explained that this change was made to become compliant with CMS rules to maintain our Waiver grant

Stakeholder questions and comments were addressed throughout the presentations and before concluding the meeting.

Next LTC Redesign Meeting: March 6, 2019
LLA 1:30-3:00 PM