

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 14, 2012

State Staff Attending: Vivianne Chaumont, Susan Buettner, Anne Harvey

Members Present – Dr. Joe Acierno, Dr. Scott Applegate, Heath Boddy, David Burd, Ed Erickson, Dr. Deb Esser, Lynette Helling, John Milligan, Jina Ragland, Dr. Ed Schneider, Natalie Torrez, Ricky Ann Trobaugh

Members Absent – Mary Barry-Magsamen, Joni Cover, Ron Jensen, Terri Melvin, Dr. Dale Zaruba

Members Absent (Unexcused) – Brad Rasmussen

- I. **Review of October 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes** – approved as written.
- II. **Department Issues**
 - A. **MCO Marketing Materials** – There were no concerns with the material.
 - B. **LB403/SAVE Database** – Ms. Harvey distributed copies of the information on our website under provider screening and enrollment. She pointed out the location of where to subscribe to this page, which assures the subscriber will receive all updates. She highlighted the Federal Register web address, frequently asked questions, provider bulletins, and required screening activities. You can find this page through Provider Information on the left side of the webpage. Ms. Harvey briefly explained the meaning of the various required screening activities. These screening activities make sure we are in compliance with federal regulations. Discussion ensued on denial and termination. We are working on cutting the 6-8 weeks it has been taking for provider enrollment. Ms. Harvey reported the Intent to Contract for RAC has been posted. There will be a signed contract by the end of this month.
 - C. **Telehealth Regulations** – Ms. Buettner distributed copies of the draft regulations, with changes highlighted, and asked MAAC members to review. Please give Ms. Buettner your opinions, thoughts, comments, etc. so they will be usable. This is a physical health service as well as behavioral health. Ms. Chaumont asked Mr. Burd to forward them to hospitals and Ms. Ragland to forward them to physicians to get their input. They will be sent to MCOs also. Comments in the column to the right are what others had. Ms. Anderson will send the draft regulations to MAAC members tomorrow.

D. **PCP Bump to Medicare Rates** – Ms. Buettner said the federal rule is out. She distributed copies of the list of eligible specialties and subspecialties with links to the each organization included. When the rules come from CMS we will compare codes and send our rates out. Family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatric medicine are three provider areas affected. The rate change is slated to take place January 1. We do not know what the process will be yet but payment will be retroactive to January 1, 2013 although it is not possible to begin paying those rates on that day. A provider needs to attest they are one of the providers on the list and that that they are board certified. We need to get out that form to doctors ASAP so it can be checked and providers can become eligible. The draft is in progress and will be out by December 1. We will send it to you and can forward it on to your membership ASAP. An email account will be set up so providers can submit questions that will be forwarded to the correct people to respond. As soon as that is live we will be forward it to MAAC members. Provider bulletins will also be sent. If you have ideas to help facilitate the process let Ms. Buettner know.

III. **Regulations Review -**

Children's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, General Requirements – We are revising regulations section by section. We have basic agreement on the draft. NABHO has officially signed off on them and there will be a public hearing. Please email any comments or questions to Ms. Chaumont. We are now working on outpatient behavioral health services for children. We will revise Medicaid eligibility regulations in the same manner. We need to get the regulations in order before the ACA is in effect.

IV. **Member Issues** – Ms. Chaumont reported the Behavioral Health RFP is out. Mr. Boddy complimented the Division for the handling of the revision of regulations. Allowing input during the process of revising regulations makes a great deal of sense.

V. **Other Issues** – The next meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.

VI. **Adjournment** – adjourned at 6:30pm.