

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012

State Staff Attending: Susan Buettner, Jeanne Larsen

Members Present – Dr. Joe Acierno, Dr. Scott Applegate, Mary Barry-Magsamen, David Burd, Joni Cover, Ed Erickson, Dr. Deb Esser, Lynette Helling, John Milligan, Dr. Ed Schneider, Natalie Torrez, Ricky Ann Trobaugh, Dr. Dale Zaruba

Members Absent – Heath Boddy, Tami Frank, Ron Jensen, Terri Melvin

Members Absent (Unexcused) – Brad Rasmussen

Other Attendees – Dale Mahlman

- I. **Review of March 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes** – approved as written.
- II. **Department Issues**
  - A. **MCO Marketing Materials** – There were no concerns with the materials.
  - B. **MCO Contract Award Plans** – AmeriHealth and Coventry were awarded the contracts for the managed care expansion in the 83 counties not currently covered. Jerry Feilmeier, Dr. Eric Berman, Tina Doyle, and Diane Jankowski, with AmeriHealth, attended. Dr. Berman distributed a handout, gave a brief presentation on their company and services, and all representatives responded to questions. Shelley Wedergren and Jeanell Austin attended from Coventry. Ms. Wedergren distributed a handout, gave a brief presentation on their services and company, and she and Ms. Austin responded to questions.
  - C. **Update on Claims Issues, GHI Claim Selection and Crossover Claims** – Ms. Larsen reported things are going well although we continue to see a lot of claims being dropped to paper, even from providers who have 4010 capabilities. A change will be made in May on paper claim submissions. Staff cannot change the information submitted on claims (e.g., NPI), and now there will be an immediate deletion of these, with a report going back to the provider. A provider bulletin will be issued on this in advance. We will continue to do outreach and work with providers. Two emails have been sent to MAAC and trading partners regarding two submission errors that were corrected the same week. There have been two Provider Bulletins posted – one on the June 30 CMS extension, which the State is in agreement with. The other was regarding the receipt of adjustments

from GHI on crossover claims. These claims have been forced from our system, allowing us to focus on new claims and regular adjustments. We will continue to test with trading partners, and communicate updates with the MAAC, providers, and trading partners. Dr. Applegate commented that he has heard about improvements in the claims payments from a number of people. David Burd commented on the improvements as well.

D. **NET Services for MCO Clients being moved from MCO to AMR** – Ms. Buettner said effective July 1 all transportation requests will go through AMR. This includes the 10 counties that have been under managed care. There will be just one number to call and all have the same transportation providers. Everyone will be notified through two letters from our Department and one from AMR.

III. **Regulations Review** – No regulations to review.

IV. **Legislative Report** – Ms. Buettner said legislative bills 1063 and 1158 have been sent to the Governor and 1158 was signed. The Governor signed the budget bill, which includes restoring 1.5% of the 2.5% provider rate reduction from last year. April 18 is the final day of this legislative session.

V. **Member Issues** – No member issues.

VI. **Other Issues** – The next meeting is Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.

VII. **Adjournment** – adjourned at 6:50pm