

Assistance Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 11, 2014

State Staff Attending: Jeanne Larsen, Ruth Vineyard, LaRue Cole, Heather Leschinsky

Members Attending: Heath Boddy, David Burd, Ed Erickson, Lynette Helling, Dr. Steve Lazoritz, Terri Melvin, John Milligan, Jina Ragland, Dr. Paul Taylor

Members Absent: Dr. Joe Acierno, Dr. Scott Applegate, Mary Barry-Magsamen, Joni Cover, Dr. Deb Esser, Ron Jensen, Dr. Ed Schneider, Ricky Ann Trobaugh

Members Absent (Unexcused): Brad Rasmussen, Natalie Torrez, Dr. Dale Zaruba

Dr. Carol LaCroix sat in on the meeting for Dr. Deb Esser

I. Review of April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Approved as written.

II. Introduce New Members – Dr. Steve Lazoritz provided information on his background as a pediatrician. He is the network medical director of Arbor Health in Omaha. Dr. Paul Taylor is a dentist in Omaha and at the Winnebago Dental Clinic. Members and staff introduced themselves relating their affiliation.

III. Department Issues

A. MCO Marketing Materials – There were no concerns.

B. Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) – Ms. Leschinsky reported we are working on the application that is due July 31, 2014. It includes federal match to increase access to Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS). Three structural reforms need to be approved in the application – that we can build a single entry system (no wrong door) for clients to help determine their eligibility, have a core standardized assessment, and conflict free case management. All three must be in place by September 2015. The grant provides a 2% increased match. We hope to hear about our grant application in September. If approved, we need to submit a plan within six months.

C. Delay with MLTSS – Ms. Leschinsky said because of short time frame for BIP,

we have put the MLTSS effort on hold pending the outcome of our BIP grant application. At that time we will make more decisions about the MLTSS effort.

D. EHR Incentive Program – Ms. Cole said the vendor contract for a new computer system was signed. When implemented, the new system will allow for online completion of enrollment into the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Maximus is the vendor for the web portal that will be available in October. We will share more information as time gets closer. CMS issued a proposed rule change allowing providers to use the 2011 or 2014 certified editions of their EHR system for meaningful use. When CMS makes a decision after the comment period ends in July we will update our website. Nursing facilities are not currently eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive payments as the federal rule defines which providers are eligible. This program is 100% federally funded.

E. MLTC Approach on ICD-10 Delay – Ms. Vineyard reminded members there is a one-year delay. We will continue working toward system changes for October 1, 2014, however will not accept ICD-10 codes until October 1, 2015. We are starting vendor testing and anyone interested in participating, let Ms. Vineyard know.

F. Update on EES and Eligibility – Ms. Vineyard reported that since MTLC took over eligibility enrollment for Medicaid in October access has improved very much. Our wait times are exceptional, our work tasks are current, and we are interfacing with the Federal Marketplace. We are close to signing a contract with a vendor for a new eligibility system. The system will know if there's an electronic match with eligibility information an individual inputs, and if everything matches it could be a real-time eligibility process. If information doesn't match, a caseworker will assist. A contractor could be onsite within a month and eligibility applications should be very streamlined. Ms. Vineyard stated one reason Medicaid numbers are down when we expected to see an increase is due to the marketplace not being able to transfer applications because of data issues. Open enrollment for the marketplace has closed but we still receive applications individuals completed as far back as October. We did see enrollment increase last month. As requested, Ms. Vineyard will give a report regarding eligibility numbers at each meeting.

G. Update on MITA and MMIS (timeline) – Ms. Vineyard will email the timeline to members. We are doing alternative analysis for MMIS system to see what is on the market, as well as working with a project team analyzing information and what the recommendations will be on how we will procure that system.

H. Dental RAC Audit Update – Ms. Larsen reminded members this is an initiative where states work with a recovery audit contractor to identify and recover overpayments, and to identify underpayments. Dental regulations state that coverage for prophylaxis is at the frequency determined appropriate by the dentist with the standard being about every six months. RAC is new for dentists and caught them off guard. We have worked with them explaining it's not whether the patient was treated but whether or not there is sufficient documentation to substantiate the number and more frequent cleanings. Ms. Larsen was not able to answer the focus of the next RAC audit. The contractor takes data and runs outlier reports, which sometimes show one provider billing 17 times more than another provider in the same area. In

the future, Ms. Larsen will review letters sent to providers regarding a RAC audit before a contractor sends out.

I. Meeting Schedule – Ms. Vineyard and Ms. Larsen asked for members’ input on the monthly meeting schedule, which does not include July and December. Dr Lazoritz was concerned about MCO marketing materials and wants another avenue for MAAC to review if a meeting is cancelled. That is already being done via email. Mr. Boddy and Ms. Helling suggested conference calls as an option when there are only one or two items for discussion.

IV. Regulations Review – No concerns were voiced.

V. Member Issues – There were no issues.

VI. Other Issues – The next meeting is Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska. Ms. Vineyard said there is a June 26 hearing on ACCESSNebraska where the Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care (MLTC) and Children and Family Services will testify. MLTC is still under the ACCESSNebraska umbrella but the name could change next year.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm