

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

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

Members Attending – Dr. Scott Applegate, Mary Barry-Magsamen, Heath Boddy, Joni Cover, Ed Erickson, Lynette Helling, Ron Jensen, Terri Melvin, John Milligan, Ed Schneider, Natalie Torrez, Dr. Dale Zaruba

- I. **Review of October 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes** – Minutes approved as written.
- II. **Department Issues**
 - A. **MCO Marketing Materials** – Materials reviewed with no comments.
 - B. **RAC Update** – Ms. Harvey reported CMS published rules September 16, 2011. The RFP is drafted and scheduled for tentative release in March. Our goal is to have the contractor signed on by November 2012. We will request a State Plan Amendment to extend the January 2012 implementation date, and also request our look back period be two years instead of the three years the rules require. We are in the planning stages of developing the program.
 - C. **December 1 Letter regarding benefits and copayments** – Ms. Chaumont went through the proposals in the letters. She discussed the change in copayments, benefit limits on home health services, private duty nursing, Personal Assistance Services, nutritional supplements and behavioral health services, and the optional services that could be eliminated. Three services that could be limited are prescription drugs, inpatient hospital days for adults and physician visits for adults. The Legislature introduced a bill to deal with these proposals.
 - D. **LR 37 Report** – Ms. Chaumont said the Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee looked at child welfare and issued a long report with a lot of recommendations. One recommendation is to create a Children’s Department and move parts of DHHS to that department.
- III. **Member Issues** – Ms. Buettner said the RFI (request for information) for Behavioral Health Organizations to provide information for risk management should be ready soon. We will look at the information we receive and release the RFP to acquire a managed care company. We have four weeks after it’s posted to receive feedback, information, etc. Coventry and Arbor Health (Blue Cross Blue Shield with Amerihealth Mercer) will do outstate managed

care for all counties other than the 10 already under managed care. At some point, contracts will be coordinated so there are two or three statewide.

There is nothing on a new MMIS at this time.

Ms. Buettner responded to Ms. Cover's question about all PAs being enrolled as providers stating that they are enrolling and have their NPI once they're enrolled. However, if there are issues, let us know. NPI and 5010 have just been implemented.

- IV. **Other Issues** – Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska. The agenda will include legislative bills affecting Medicaid programs. We will have a report on meaningful use on next month's agenda as well as updates on issues. Ms. Chaumont reported Nebraska's federal match rate is going down because our economy is going up. That is evaluated October 1 of every year.
- V. **Adjournment** – adjourned at 6:45pm