

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012

State Staff Attending: Vivianne Chaumont, Susan Buettner, Ruth Vineyard, Jeanne Larsen, Dr. Alan Nissen

Members Present – Dr. Scott Applegate, Mary Barry-Magsamen, David Burd, Dr. Deb Esser, Tami Frank, Lynette Helling, Ron Jensen, Terri Melvin, John Milligan, Brad Rasmussen, Dr. Ed Schneider, Dr. Dale Zaruba

Members Absent – Dr. Joe Acierno, Heath Boddy, Ed Erickson, Natalie Torrez, Ricky Ann Trobaugh, Joni Cover

Members Absent (Unexcused) – Brad Rasmussen

Jeanne Larsen and Alan Nissen introduced themselves and MAAC members introduced themselves

- I. **Review of February 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes** – approved as written.
- II. **Department Issues**
  - A. **Coventry Marketing Materials** – There were no concerns with the materials.
  - B. **Update on Recent Claims Issues involving 5010, NPI, and backlog** – Ms. Larsen explained the backlog of claims and discussed possible extension of 5010 conversion for filing of claims. Ms. Larsen recommended that providers work with their clearinghouses. Some clearinghouses have gone into production although several have not started yet. It's a national issue, not just Nebraska Medicaid.  
  
Ms. Larsen said we are doing several things that should help the process. We are hiring extra temporary staff to help get caught up. We are no longer accepting mass adjustments from CMS as too many of them come in at one time and they are for a very small amount. We are no longer getting in touch with out of state providers who are not enrolled with the state.  
  
If we identify an issue, we will send a provider bulletin to associations immediately. We will also provide a list of clearinghouses that are participating.
  - C. **Update on Status of ICD-10 and possible delay** – Ms. Vineyard said moving from ICD-9 to ICD-10 affects both diagnosis and procedure codes. She asked how we can do a better job of educating providers.

We are looking at provider outreach we will do, testing back and forth, doing pilots, and developing a rapid response team with a phone number people can call to get questions answered. We are in the analysis phase, reviewing regulations, policy and data. Implementation date is October 2013 but there is a possibility it could be delayed. If so, it would be delayed either one or two years. We are operating under the assumption that there won't be a delay. Ms. Vineyard will share information as it becomes available.

- D. **Managed Care Update** – Ms. Chaumont said contracts were awarded to ArborHealth and Coventry. Dr. Schneider will send an email regarding his concern about ArborHealth optometric services. The RFI for managed care for behavioral health has been submitted. We will do an additional RFI in mid-May. The RFP should be out by July 1. We are also looking at managed care for long term care services.
- III. **Regulations Review** – Coverage of Freestanding Birth Center Services – Ms. Vineyard said the public hearing is March 15. The State Plan Amendment (SPA) has been submitted.
- IV. **Legislative Report** – Ms. Chaumont said LB 826, 891 and 1041 are in Committee. The budget bill was adopted out of General File today. It includes no Medicaid reductions and adds back a 1.5% rate increase for providers who received the 2.5% cut. LB 1158 puts limits on the behavioral health at risk contract. LB 1063 is on General File. The Governor's tax cut is out of Committee in a pared down version.
- V. **Member Issues** – Ms. Larsen will be back on the agenda next month. Ms. Chaumont said we're looking at whether or not we should cover Essure or Adiana. We cover it but with prior authorization. Ms. Frank will get back to her with information on that.
- VI. **Other Issues** – Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- VII. **Adjournment** – adjourned at 7:10pm