

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 10, 2010

State Staff Attending: Jenifer Roberts-Johnson and Susan Buettner

Members Attending – Dr. Joe Acierno, Dr. Scott Applegate, David Burd, Joni Cover, Ed Erickson, Leta Gorrin, Lynette Helling, Terri Melvin, John Milligan, Bradley Rasmussen, Larry Voegele

Dr. Stacy Bleicher also attended.

Leta Gorrin, newest member of the Committee, introduced herself and spoke briefly.

- I. Review of October 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes – approved as written.
- II. Department Issues –
 - A. [Organizational Change](#) (handout attached)– Ms. Roberts-Johnson explained the changes which were made to better work with the new health care reform issues. The changes became effective November 1.
 - B. [Co-pays](#) (handout attached) – Ms. Roberts-Johnson explained the handout, also available on our website, shows co-pays as they exist today. We are going through a process to see which co-pays can be adjusted upward. We will be looking at topical payment for each service. Right now the highest co-pay on the chart is \$3. They may or may not change, but we've included it as a budget savings measure.
 - C. Medical Home Pilot – Ms. Roberts-Johnson reported the project is moving along. The contract is with TransferMed. The Director has approved the two practices recommended - Kearney Clinic in Kearney and Plum Creek Clinic in Lexington. More information relating to the Medical Home Pilot is on our website.
 - D. [Primary Care Codes](#) (handout attached) – Ms. Roberts-Johnson said certain codes could be subject to reduction due to budget cuts, however primary care codes will not be included. They were left out of the budget reduction options.
- III. Regulations Review – (URL listed for each set)

Medicaid Community Support Services-MH/SA – Ms. Roberts-Johnson explained these regulations were worked on in conjunction with the Division of Behavioral Health to come up with similar definitions. They are going through the process of being approved. <http://www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/000000000000909.pdf>

Payment date for Orthodontic Treatment – Ms. Roberts-Johnson said these are clarification regulations stating the prior authorization is needed before a provider can be paid.

<http://www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/0000000000000912.pdf>

Enrollment and Reimbursement of Physician Assistants (PAs) – Ms. Roberts-Johnson explained one change will allow PAs to be enrolled as providers, with their own number, for physical health services. Another change is the mileage reimbursement being removed. These regulations are scheduled for hearing on November 18. Margaret Booth will let MAAC members know if both names are still needed on a Medicaid provider claim or just the PA's name.

<http://www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/0000000000000919.pdf>

- IV. Member Issues – Mr. Burd requested an update on the Medicaid RAC program. Ms. Roberts-Johnson said September's State Medicaid Director letter from CMS provided additional guidance on the contingency fee issue that we are working through. We can either go forward with contingency fee contract or propose a different methodology. When we get clarification on the contract we will submit a State Plan Amendment.

Mr. Rasmussen asked if the Department is working on DME recovery. Ms. Buettner said we are awaiting information from Kansas to verify their cost savings claims. Mr. Rasmussen will send Ms. Buettner documents he has.

Mr. Milligan requested Committee members receive a one-page summary of eligibles, kids vs. those in CHIP, disabled, every couple months. Ms. Roberts-Johnson said eligibles continue to go up. Trends are higher than last year – probably 232,000 total eligibles last month.

Ms. Cover asked about changes to the formulation and how pharmacies are paid regarding dispensing. She asked if she could have a bigger picture of where we are with different payment methodologies. She will contact Barb Mart to get that information.

There will be a final Medicaid Reform Report within a couple weeks. Copies of the draft report are available here. The final will be on our website.

Ms. Helling inquired about the Nebraska Home Health Care Association's Medicaid Committee's email regarding cost savings. Ms. Buettner said she will follow up and give her an estimate on response time.

Mr. Burd asked for a budget discussion to be on January's agenda, as well as Medicaid RACs. Ms Roberts-Johnson said over the counter drugs will be a January agenda item.

- V. Other Issues – Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- VI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

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