

**DRAFT**  
**Medicaid Reform Council**  
**Minutes**  
**March 18, 2010**

**Members Present (7): Doris Karloff, Jim Blue, Wanda Caffrey, Gayle-ann Douglas, Mary Lee Fitzsimmons, Kathy Mallatt, Dr. Jessica Meeske**

**Members Absent (3): Senator Kathy Campbell, Jack Vetter, Coby Mach**

The meeting was convened by Chairperson Karloff at approximately 9:05 a.m. in Conference Room LLB of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The minutes of October 28, 2009 were approved as written.

Vivianne Chaumont, Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care within the Department of Health and Human Services, introduced Jenifer Roberts-Johnson, Administrator of the Acute Care Programs Section, and Susan Buettner, Administrator of the Long Term Care Programs Section.

**Medicaid Reform Recommendations** (from October meeting) – Handouts detailing the items below were distributed and discussed.

- 1) CHIP Premiums
- 2) Spend-down
- 3) Service Limits
- 4) Cost-Sharing
- 5) Medicare Supplements
- 6) Electronic Claims
- 7) Payment Recoveries

Dr. Michelle Petersen, pediatrician and chair of the Nebraska Medical Association's Medicaid Committee, testified in opposition to copays.

Kathy Hoell, Director of NESILC (Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council) is concerned about service limits especially for those with disabilities.

Mary Angus, Angus Consulting, discussed the Mental Health Substance Abuse Parity Act.

David Burd, Nebraska Hospital Association, asked the members to be cautious as these recommendations are considered. He believes they require more research and recommendation. He has concerns about premiums, copayments, service limits.

Ms. Caffrey made a motion to change the dental service limit to \$750, which was seconded by Ms. Douglas. There was a discussion regarding the role of the Council and whether it was appropriate to discuss cost containment. Ms. Chaumont said cost containment is the main goal of the Council. Ms. Mallatt agrees that plans and recommendations for cost containment are what the council can review and advise on. Motion failed – 2 yes, 5 no.

Ms. Mallatt made a motion for the Department to continue to identify where electronic claims are lacking. Ms. Douglas seconded. Motion passed – 7 yes.

Ms. Mallatt made a motion that the Department continue to explore relationships with vendors and vendor recovery efforts. Ms. Douglas seconded. Motion passed – 6 yes, Blue abstained.

### **Updates**

- 1) Transportation RFP – Ms. Chaumont reported that eight bids were received and we are waiting for CMS to approve the RFP before awarding.
- 2) Managed Care – Ms. Chaumont said we are moving to two managed care companies in the 10 mandatory managed care counties. The intent to award has been posted. There is an appeal so the process could be delayed.

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