

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2011

State Staff Attending: Vivianne Chaumont, Susan Buettner, Roxie Cillessen, Kay Wenzl, Scot Adams

Members Attending – Dr. Joe Acierno, Ed Erickson, Tami Frank, Ron Jensen, John Milligan, Dr. Ed Schneider

- I. **Review of March 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes** – approved as written.
- II. **Department Updates**
 - A. **Substance Abuse Waiver Services**– Scot Adams, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, said the services for proposed elimination from the waiver are halfway house services and detox services. In the case of halfway house services, which include 90-150 day stays for those who have completed primary treatment and are moving into the community, are employed during the day, are in therapy and counseling at night and on weekends, the first reason is that there has been no utilization of Medicaid funds. The second reason is there are different standards if they are under the Medicaid program rather than under Behavioral Health. The third reason is to clear up using them as IMDs (Institutions for Mental Diseases). Detox services are similar. Not a great deal of money has been spent on medically monitored services across the state. The services would remain in existence but Behavioral Health would pay 100%. It would also free them from medically-oriented regulations and move them into socially oriented regulations, and free them from the IMD rule. Medicaid would move them from their approved waiver. If you think of questions, please send them to Dr. Adams or Ms. Chaumont.
 - B. **Medicaid Behavioral Health Benefits** – Vivianne Chaumont said this will be on the May agenda.
 - C. **AD Waiver Individual Cost Limit** – Ms. Chaumont said there will be a presentation about the background of this waiver on the May agenda. The Aged and Disabled Waiver for Adults helps keep people out of nursing homes. The waiver needs to be cost neutral to be federally approved. Ms. Chaumont wants to discuss how best to operate the waiver.
 - D. **[National Correct Coding Initiative](#) (NCCI)** – Susan Buettner, Programs Section Administrator, said the NCCI became effective April 1, but will not be fully operational until August. As changes

occur and provider bulletins are issued, that information will be on the website attached here.

- E. [MCO Marketing Materials](#) – Ms. Anderson will take a vote on the marketing materials via email.

- F. **Budget Update** – Ms. Chaumont said we understand the Appropriations Committee is talking about a 3% rate cut for providers, excluding behavioral health providers.

- G. **Legislative Bills Update** – Ms. Chaumont gave the status of the bills, listed below, that had action since our March 9 meeting.

- LB 456 – Medicaid Clean-up – *Placed on General File with amendment*
- LB 465 – Medicaid and SNAP for aliens – *Presented to Governor*
- LB 466 – Preferred drug list – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 467 – Medicaid for ADC not meeting EF – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 468 – Medicaid copayments – *Presented to Governor*
- LB 494 – Require timely review of Medicaid eligibility – *Placed on General File*
- LB 525 – Provide for Medicaid plan amendment or waiver and transfer of funds relating to the Nebraska Regional Poison Center – *Placed on General File; amendment filed*
- LB 534 – Phototherapy Practice Act – *Indefinitely Postponed*
- LB 539 – Require State Plan Amendment or waiver relating to adult emergency room visits – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 540 – Require Medicaid waiver relating to family planning services – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 541 – Third party contracts to promote Medicaid integrity and cost containment – *Placed on Final Reading*
- LB 599 – Provide coverage for certain children as prescribed pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act – *March 16 Hearing*
- LB 600 – Adopt the Nursing Facility Quality Assurance Assessment Act – *Enrollment and Review ER79 filed; Avery, Harr, Dubas names added*
- LB 602 – Require DHHS to apply for Medicaid amendments, options, and Waivers – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 607 – Provide duties for DHHS and the Tax Commissioner regarding Kids Connection – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 662 – Demonstration project regarding bundling payments under the Medical Assistance Act – *Remains in Committee*
- LB 696 – Change provisions relating to children’s medical – *Remains in Committee*

III. Regulations Review – no regulations to review.

- IV. Member Issues** – Next month’s agenda will include frequency of meetings, attendance of meetings, budget update, legislative update, Medicaid behavioral health benefits, and AD Waiver Individual Cost Limit. Ms. Wenzl discussed the transportation broker issues as well as the brochure sent to households with a Medicaid recipient. The brochure will be emailed to members tomorrow.
- V. Other Issues** – Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 5:30pm in Classroom 1 at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- VI. Adjournment** – adjourned at 6:40pm.

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