



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council

225 E. 16th Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

November 19, 2014

1. Call to Order

An Nguyen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A. Members Present

An Nguyen, Andrew Davis, Robert Bremer, Blain Olsen, Ruth O'Brien, Steve Holloway

B. Staff Present

Judy Zerzan, Zach Lynkiewicz, Grace Herbison, Kyle Brown, Dennis Roy, and Rachel Prodani.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no comments and the minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Legislative Updates

Zach Lynkiewicz discussed legislative agenda and budget updates:

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/FY2015-16%20Budget%20Request%20Handout_0.pdf

- Eliminate Waitlist for Children with Autism Waiver
- Provider Rate Increase
- Participant Directed Programs Expansion
- Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment Simplification
- Customer Contact Center Request
- Personal Health Records and Health Education

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- Public Health and Medicaid Alignment
- Accountable Care Collaborative Reprocedurement Preparation
- School Based Early Intervention for Substance Abuse

5. IHSS Rule and Waiver Amendments

Grace Herbison discussed the IHSS Rule and Waiver Amendments

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Fact%20Sheet%20IHSS%20Waiver%20Amendments.pdf>

- Allowing IHSS to be provided in the community
- Allowing spouses to provide IHSS
- Clarifying that the client or the client's authorized representative is responsible for directing their care, including scheduling, managing, and supervising attendants
- Allowing clients or the client's authorized representative to work with the IHSS agency to determine the amount of nurse oversight
- Removing the 444 hour per year family member reimbursement limit on personal care and replacing it with a 40 hour per week family member reimbursement limit on personal care
- Expanding IHSS to persons receiving services under the Spinal Cord Injury waiver pilot program

6. Federal Provider Screening Regulations

Kyle Brown presented an overview of the new federal provider screening regulations:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/ACA%20Provider%20Screening%20draft%20rule%20%5BRead-Only%5D.pdf>

- New federal requirements designed to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.
- What the new rules require.
- What flexibility Colorado has.
- Timeline for implementation.

7. Department Updates

Judy Zerzan discussed a few Department updates: Working on tele-health approaches and love input from the Dental Community and others to figure out how



to increase the pipeline, and looking at other ways to do things. ACC RFI is out and HCPF is looking for feedback. Dec 9th defending budget.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of NiteMAC is at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the 1st floor conference room at 225 East 16th Avenue, Denver, CO.

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