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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) Stakeholder Forum Meeting Notes

225 East 16th Avenue, Conference Room 6 A/B

April 30, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Department Updates

- Call center took 14 calls for January, 16 calls for February, and 10 calls for March
- There were no complaints/grievances
- Department is still waiting on feedback and updates from the Department of Revenue concerning the lawful presence documents that can be accepted for individuals not born in the U.S.
- Some of the policies that were recommended by stakeholders have been considered and reviewed regarding medical deduction policy

3. Summary of March Executive Forum

- Ideas to encourage the use of private health insurance
- Everyone recognizes that health insurance is ideal for clients and providers however in reality not everyone can access health insurance.
- It was felt that by putting certain limitations on this group of people is too much of a hard line approach. CICP is meant to be a safety net. Federal tax penalties should be enough encouragement for people to get health insurance
- For many individuals it doesn't make sense to use their primary physician for care for various reasons. Requiring individuals to see their primary physician would cause the number of Emergency Department visits to increase
- Clinics are federally required to provide services to everyone
- Will continue to explore possibilities of turning program into a grant program

4. Main Discussion Items

- Will update manual to reflect the increase the equity limits on personal vehicles
- Will try to get new medical deduction policy implemented July 1st
- Possibility of write off dental services is an ongoing discussion
- Will continue to look at reimbursement and competitive grant program for CICP
- Recognize current policy is not fair to the client
- The department is looking at developing a policy that will allow our clients to have access to quality health care and not be a financial burden to providers

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- Departments proposal is to eliminate current year windfall, propose to allow for deduction for documented payments of outstanding medical bills regardless of age of bill, allow for deduction for current verifiable medical expenses
- Will allow CICP client to have consistent deductions
- Department considered the impact allowing the CICP clients that have an HMO as their primary to use the CICP discount at a CICP facility
- Many CICP clients have signed up for HMOs through the exchange
- FQHCs can't turn away patients based on their ability to pay regardless of insurance carrier and are required to see patients
- Many clients have trouble finding an in-network provider in their community and may have already formed relationships with a CICP provider
- Claims denied by the HMOs can be submitted with the uncompensated costs
- Should be a minimal impact on hospitals, more of an impact on FQHCs
- Waiver is an option for providers, can submit a waiver to eliminate need to first send claim to HMO prior to submitting to the Department with uncompensated costs
- Veterans must meet certain criteria in order to receive services from a non-VA facility
- In August 2014 new law signed, Veterans Access Choice Accountability Act, allows veterans faced with a long waiting list or cannot receive services through their VA network can go to a non-VA facility to get those services
- VA still views CICP as insurance
- New law allows for veterans to get the care when they need it, VA will process claims in a more timely manner
- If the VA is the primary payer on a claim the provider cannot then seek payment from the veteran
- The VA is proposing a cost sharing with non-VA providers

5. Questions and Other Business

- Add personal vehicle deduction to worksheet
- Clarification of residency code 6 & 7
- Clarification of migrant codes

6. Tentative Agenda for Next Meeting and Wrap Up

- Dental Discussion

7. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015

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