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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

January 29, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Department Updates

- Still have low call numbers to the call center
- Only two complaint calls to our CICP line
- Review meeting notes from October meeting
- Department of Revenue is currently working on acceptable documents for lawful presence
- Will be looking at different ways to look at client resources, funding and financing of the program
- Next Executive Forum is scheduled for March 26, 2015

3. New Business

A. Medical Deduction Policy

- Some recommended to leave medical deduction policy as is
- Other suggestion is to deduct applicants original expense for the first year and then take the lesser of that expense or amount paid in future years
- Option to deduct what the applicant paid in the last 12 months only
 - With a lot of medical expenses there still may be an outstanding balance for the applicants
 - The client would receive credit for the amount actually paid toward the outstanding bill instead of receiving a onetime windfall toward a bill that may never be paid
 - Possible alternative would be to extend to all outstanding medical bills regardless of the age
- Consider eliminating current year windfall and allow all outstanding medical bills regardless of the age of the bill
 - May force clients to retain a single provider
 - Possible alternative to deduct only what the applicant paid in the last 12 months

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- Suggestion to create a medical management exception policy
 - Would ensure that clients with special circumstances and are attempting to pay outstanding medical expenses receive a manageable CICP rating
 - Department would need a policy allowing a rating to extend beyond 12 months
 - Would require a standard policy ensuring providers are consistent when applying the medical management exception
 - Alternative to use the current management exception policy to lower clients rating for 90 days
- Bill Wentzl made a suggestion that applicants be allowed to either deduct payments for the last 12 months or total medical bills incurred whichever is greater
- The Department is leaning towards eliminating the current year windfall and allow for outstanding medical bills regardless of age of the bill. Take into account what is being paid, that would allow the applicant to receive ongoing deductions on what is being paid. This would take into account that their income is being reduced by that bill instead of giving them a credit on a bill that may never be paid. Would deduct what was actually paid in the last 12 months
- Possible compromise to keep current policy and only deduct what applicant has actually incurred in the last 3 months and allow for whatever the client is currently paying on medical care they have been receiving as well as any outstanding bills from the past they continue to pay for

B. Dental Policy

- CICP is not creating a specific dental benefit, the idea is to create something more broad
- We do have some providers that offer services at a discounted rate using their own sliding fee scale, those benefits are not included as uncompensated costs
- The Department is proposing now allowing those costs to be included in the data submission to the Department
- Some covered benefits include, comprehensive oral evaluation, emergency services, diagnostic imaging, endodontic services
- Most insurances have a higher deductible for cosmetic procedures
- Some proposed non-covered benefits include, cosmetic procedures, implants, periodontal surgery, graft procedures
- Proposed copayment sliding scale
- Department will create an Excel based tool used to report write-off charges
- All clinics would have to be willing to use same copay scale
- It is always an advantage to be compensated
- Department cannot tell providers what to charge for the service, Department only set copay scale for CICP clients



- Clients below the poverty level must be charged a single nominal fee under new federal regulations
- If we are going to have dental in CICP we need to have consistency

4. Other Discussion and Questions

- Is it possible to add mileage reimbursement to CICP worksheet

5. Tentative Agenda for Next Meeting and Wrap Up

- Summary of March Executive Forum
- Wrap-up Dental Discussion
- CICP Emergency Application
- Increasing CICP Eligibility to 400% FPL
- Private Health Insurance

6. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 225 East 16th Avenue, Denver, CO in conference room 6 A/B.

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