



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

HB09-1293 Oversight and Advisory Board Hospital Provider Fee Meeting Minutes

303 East 17th Avenue, Conference Room 11 BC
December 15, 2015

1. Call to Order

David Livingston called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Chris Underwood, Bill Heller

B. Members on the Phone

George O'Brien, Dan Rieber, Peg Burnette, David Livingston, Tom Rennell, Jeremiah Bartley, Ann King, John Gardner, Dan Enderson

C. Members Excused

Kathryn Ashenfelter, Mirna Castro

D. Staff Present

Nancy Dolson, Cynthia Miley

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were approved.

4. Review Draft Letter to General Assembly

- **John Gardner** - Intent to communicate two elements, moving the provider fee into an enterprise status would protect the funding for the Medicaid program as well as move us away from the TABOR law which may have an impact on other departments in the state. Secondly, to oppose the reduction of Medicaid reimbursement for care. Both would have impact on access of service to Medicaid enrollees as well as many of the rural hospitals would be put at risk of survival with a significant reduction in the hospital provider fees.
- We find ourselves in a bit of an interesting situation. The Oversight and Advisory Board is not part of the Department; however, we have two Department staff who are members of the board and they are part of executive branch. So we



need to be very considerate of how we voice opposition to the Governor's budget proposal because they are part of the Governor's branch of government.

- **Chris Underwood** – We understand what's being conveyed here and support the concept of the letter. We have to support the Governor's budget as submitted. Suggest ending on a positive sentence instead of a negative sentence. Also suggest holding off on sending until a bill has been introduced and re-write first sentence to include bill name.
- Will present a redraft of letter at the January meeting.

5. Hospital Provider Fee Annual Report

- Worked with the Colorado Hospital Association on the cost shift information
- Slight restatement of some of the figures compared to prior years
- Note that between 2009 and 2014 the payment for care for Medicaid clients has improved from approximately 54% to 72% of costs
- The most dramatic change after the full expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act and the hospital provider fee in 2014 is a reduction in bad debt and charity care
- Not have enough information to know about causation but can point to other information that is out there
- We show the data in the way that we have previously, the payment less cost per patient by payer group
- Removed CICP portion in the cost shift charts, as noted it doesn't have much meaning in the data
- We did restate the expansion caseload information so it's consistent with other data in the report

6. Public Comment

- No public comment

7. Action Items

Dan Rieber motioned to approve the Hospital Provider Fee Annual Report as written, **Dan Enderson** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Additional Discussion

- No additional discussion

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 303 E 17th Avenue, Denver, CO in conference room 11 AB.



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