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State Medical Assistance & Services Advisory Council

303 E. 17th Ave., 7th floor conference rooms 7AB

Denver, CO 80203

April 27, 2016

6:00 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.

1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present in person or via phone: An Nguyen (Chair), Jill Atkinson, Aaron Burrows, Heather Gitchell, Penny Grande, Steve Holloway, Kimberley Jackson, Janet Puglisi, Sarah Schumann, Kenneth Soda, Blair Wyles, Gretchen Hammer, Patricia Connally

HCPF Presenters: Zach Lynkiewicz, Kimberley Smith, Alex Weichselbaum, Bonnie Rouse

Guests: Greta Klinger, Stephanie Chrisley

2. 6:00 Call to Order

3. 6:02 Approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2016 meeting

4. 6:05 Legislative Update

Zach Lynkiewicz presented that both the Senate and the House passed a balanced budget bill. The 1% across the board provider rate reduction was avoided and the primary care rate bump will be continued for another year and a half under HB 1408.

HB16-1081 signed by the governor eliminated the requirement to prepare and submit outdated statutory reports.

SB16-27 allows clients to receive health maintenance medications through the mail. This bill would improve client convenience, potentially increase drug adherence and reduce dispensing fees which would save the state money. The bill has passed the House and the Senate.

HB16-1097 allows nonemergency transportation (NEMT) providers to be licensed as "limited regulation carriers" in order to keep their application from being protested or blocked by other companies. Vehicle inspections, driver background checks and sufficient insurance as a common carrier is still required. There is no opposition to this bill.

HB16-1420 Hospital provider fee enterprise is supported by HCPF as it will solve some financial issues for the following fiscal year.

HCPF is against **SB16-162** that would allow Medicaid clients to seek services from non-Medicaid providers.

5. 6:20 Benefits Collaborative: Speech Generating Devices

Kimberley Smith presented the revised benefit coverage standard for [speech generating devices](#) (SGD). Stakeholder meetings were held and feedback included terminology, devices and referring documentation and all feedback was considered and addressed in the revised standard and are addressed in the provided link.

6. 6:40 Access Monitoring Review Plan

Alex Weichselbaum presented an overview of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) new Access Monitoring Review Plan (AMRP). AMRP requires data analysis of (1) Primary Care Services, (2) Physician Specialist Services, (3) Behavioral Health Services, (4) Pre and Post-Natal Obstetric Services and (5) Home Health Services. AMRP requires states to consider relevant stakeholder feedback via (1) public rate setting processes, (2) Medical Advisory Committees, (3) Provider and Beneficiary Feedback Mechanisms and (4) other mechanisms. The plan is due by October 1, 2016.

6. 7:00 Changes to the CDASS program due to FLSA

Bonnie Rouse presented a [waiver amendment summary](#) regarding the recently amended Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that allows home care workers to be eligible for minimum wage and overtime requirements. The department is providing a public comment period and is soliciting feedback from stakeholders.

7. 7:15 Department Updates (ECHO and E-Consult)

Gretchen Hammer updated the council on eConsult and Project Echo.

The eConsult Rheumatology Test Group will start in May using online electronic consultation. Rheumatologists from UHealth, Denver Health and 10 PCMP practices/clinics will be included. There is space for additional PCMP practices and they will be paid \$10 for each eConsult. This opportunity enables discussion of care for Medicaid clients and an avenue to securely share health information.

The first year of Project Echo (Chronic Disease Management Program) has been very successful with 84 providers from 42 practices participating. The second year of Project Echo begins in April and May with two options: (1) Chronic Pain Telehealth and (2) Buprenorphine Telehealth.

8. 7:30 Round Robin

CDPHE received unexpected funding from the legislature to the clinician incentive program which draws clinicians to underserved areas. A portion of that funding will be allocated for oral health. Another project is comprehensive clinician profiling and they hope to have a demonstration project that will help them in the profiling process of all clinicians in the state.

Community issues with the new provider revalidation process and a request to have it on the agenda for next month.

Update requested on the Colorado Opportunity Project.

Medicaid policy reducing opioid prescriptions and how it affects the treatment of pain. Meeting with HCPF did not resolve the issue and left with the impression that there is no real appreciation of the issue.

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