

NOTES
Children's Disability Advisory Meeting
Jan 14, 2015

Changes is Eligibility Children & Home Care Allowance-Danielle Dunaway

No response from Department of Humans Services after multiple calls.

Next Meeting-FEB 11, 2015- Continue, discussion of changes in DD – Barbara Ramsey, HCPF/DD

1. FOLLOW UP- Pediatric Assessment Tool (PAT) and Personal Care Tool (PCAT)
 - a. Create a chart of skills and which tools identify age and skills- a discussion about the Home Care Allowance scoring tool, which is not inline with the PCAT or the PAT tools. It did not seems as if the HCA tool used Ages and Stages or Bright Futures for the skills to be evalauted.

The PCAT is to go into use in April/May 2015

Requested PAT data.

2013 version 1 PAT:

0.22% denied

22.95% partially approved

76.85% approved

2014 version 2 PAT:

1.20% denied

12.10% partially approved

86.83% approved

Legislative update by Carol Meredith

Bills introduced 1-13-2015-

NOTE: SB-Senate Bill, HB House Bill- this refers to where the bill starts. Typically the House Bill is 4 numbers and the Senate bills 2-3 digits. You may see a bill listed as ___ - ___ the first two numbers are the session number the bill was introduced, the last digits are the number bill in the session.

SB 15 makes changes to HIMAT (**H**ealth **I**nsurance **M**andated **A**utism **T**reatment) bill nutshell-private insuranace under mandate cap was converted after ACA (Affordable Care Act). These children are not receiving behavioral services under HIMAT. Private insurance has a very strong lobby.

This bill was in committee, Jan. 28, 2015 at 1:30 HHS. Keafalas is the legislator sponsoring this bill. The bill passed. It now goes to the House.

A law was passed in 1994 stating that Autism is not a Mental Illness. The intent is to repealed that law, as now autism treatment can be provided under mental health parity through the ACA. Q committee send link

*Christy to send-Bill draft send to committee (ask to support bill) impact caps with private insurance.

TOTAL ENROLLED & WAITING LIST

HCBS Children's Waiver: no wait/ enrolled 1138 (1308 slots)

CES Numbers: 955 enrolled 0 wait, CCB's differ no waitlist but backlog on enrollment

Autism: 75 cap , wait is 308

Children with Life Limiting Illness: cap 200 with 160 enrolled
CCB to assist list questions for barb enrollment community to assist

Should be 6 mos. or less

CHRP- 141368 over to DD adult service one more layer cap is 200 and 85 enrolled finding residential care approved for enrollment SIS assessments to placements

SIS intake perfect storm

Candace shared the work on the Children with Autism Waiver is to be a JBC (Joint Budget Committee) bill. Nutshell-clear Autism Waiver wait list. Request proposed changes increase age to 8 remain on 3 years and increase \$ cap to 30,000 then allow flux for provider rate increases. Data from 2012 bill. Candace said she would look at the ability to assist CB workload or provide a reasonable rollout schedule. July 1 for Autism changes.

Additional information-this will reduce churn and services for a short period of time. 3 years is best practice for autism intervention services.

Question about other states- No, there are no other states that have the 3 year limit for services. Some states have groupings for ages to services. Some states go up to higher ages.

Waitlist will not start until July 2015.

2. Solutions and issues with next steps-Homecare Allowance

Christy will initiate a meeting with the other volunteers from the committee (Bethany Pray, Erika Walczak, Carol Meredith) with Human Services to discuss the HAC tool and impact to families. This is also a CLAG issue and should be brought up.

Updates/Open Topic/ Questions:

1. Any updates on the Medicaid Buy-in?
2. Any other updates?
3. EI question an issue of how to bill medicaid (medical model) and provide parent coaching. model CPT codes and docs, buy primary service model, but under EI model can't bill for everything. EI code to cover services

We will add a new item on our agenda- Challenge Cases- These will be cases where through agency, family or case managers we identify a case to discuss. We will go through the process tried and other barriers encountered. We will look at – the challenge cases process and steps EPSDT exception process

***Create a Legislative chart of bills to watch**

We will use the Children's Grassroots list unless group wants additional

Questions for Babrbara Ramsey

1. DDRC and other CCB's have limits on staff . There is a backlog of enrollment in CES. The Autism will add to that workload. There is no funding until a child is enrolled. Is there a way to access start up funds to assist with the workload?
2. There was a discussion about an increase of denials for CES. The feeling was a increase of inappropriate referrals for CES evaluations. How can we assist DIDD and the CCB's to communicate the populations to refer for these waivers. Are the fact sheets and other documents accurate? Should there be training to advocate communities? Should there be a Q/A list that all prospective clients must answer and if no on any then DO NOT APPLY.
3. Could CCB's get assistance from SEP (Single Entry Points) on intake and evals for waivers?
4. Is home health under DIDD? Is both skilled and personal care? It seems there is a lack of continuity and some folks have home health in addition to the waiver benefit, while others must balance home health and all other services under the waiver limit.

5. Assist the group in understanding the issue and how to address clients at age 18 transition from home health agencies while on the DD Comp waiver.

The group discussed the following to be created:

A one pager on waivers (updated chart should be attached with these notes)

A advocacy document on skilled medical care language and issues

Concern was shared about accurate information being provided.

NO specific benefit so and exception to the current service plan.

Bill watch list that has been introduced.

Telehealth bill has been introduced.

TODO**Nurse Practice Act- redefining community nursing, will DORA?

Waiver redesign??

Need follow up:

Look up Day treatment exception for under 21 introduced.

Competence on juvenile impact with cognitive disabilities. Bethany Pray will send to me.

Increase access to conceal and carry. Amend to ensure DIDD can't be prosecuted.

Corrine while back federal approved behavioral services under Medicaid where are we in CO???

Considering? No place it under service plan? Instead focus on HCBS Autism waiver expansion.

Bethany shared that a medical necessity definition HCPF Kimberly Smith and are open to comments. Carol will send documents

Next meeting: Feb 11, 2015 CID - Room located in Building C, Candace Bailey to facilitate