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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Medical Services Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

303 East 17th Avenue, 11th Floor Conference Room
Denver, CO

December 8, 2017

Call to Order

Ms. Blakely called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The Board Coordinator called the roll. There were sufficient members for a quorum with eight members participating.

A. Members Present

Christy Blakely, Cecile Fraley, Bregitta Hughes, Jessica Kuhns, Charolette Lippolis, Amanda Moorer, An Nguyen and David Potts.

B. Members Excused

Patricia Givens, Donna Roberts and Simon Hambidge

C. Staff Present

Gretchen Hammer, Medicaid Director, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Weaver, First Assistant Attorney General; Chris Sykes, Board Coordinator; and Dan Hutchinson, Staff Support

Announcements

Ms. Blakely announced the next Medical Services Board Meeting will be held at 303 East 17th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203, in the Eleventh Floor Conference Room on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

It is the policy of this Board and the Department to remind everyone in attendance that this facility is private property. The capacity of the meeting room is 105. Please do not block the doors or stand around the edges of the room. Please silence cell phones while in the meeting room as they interfere with the recording equipment.



Approval of Minutes

Dr. Lippolis moved for the approval of the minutes with changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nguyen. The minutes were approved with revision, 5:0:2.

Rules

A. Emergency Agenda

Document 01, MSB 17-11-17-A

Revision to the Medical Assistance Rule Concerning Client Co-Payment, Section 8.754

Russell Zigler, Compliance and Stakeholder Relations Unit; January Montano, Pharmacy Unit; and Alex Wesichelbum, Benefits Management Section, presented the rule and explained the necessity for the rule and the proposed changes to co-pays. Stakeholder engagement was discussed.

Board Discussion

Board discussion included a review of the stakeholder process and comments received throughout the legislative process and rule process. The change to a single pharmacy copay was explained, as well as the requirement to stay within the federal maximum levels of copays.

Public Testimony

Pat Cook – Colorado Gerontological Society – discussed how busy doctor offices can lead to higher emergency room visits in populations, which carry higher copays. It was also clarified how a copay would apply to an extended hospital stay. Additional communications will be addressed to ensure the changes to the copay structure are understood by members, providers and front line staff of medical offices.

Mr. Potts moved for the emergency approval of Document 01. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion.

The Board voted for the final adoption of Document 01, 8:0.

B. Closing Motion

Ms. Moorer moved to close the rules portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kuhns. The Board voted to close the rules portion of the agenda, 8:0.

Open Comments

NA

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Medical Services Board is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 303 East 17th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203, in the Eleventh Floor Conference Room.

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