



**Nursing Facility Provider Fee Advisory Board
January 24, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT	
John Brammeier	Lori Nelson- Phone
Cindy Bunting- Phone	Janet Snipes
Arlene Miles	Dan Stenerson
Paul Landry	Greg Traxler
Matt Haynes- HCPF	
Audra Burkhardt- HCPF	
ABSENT	
Chris Stenger	

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| 1:00 – 1:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes | <i>Matt Haynes, HCPF</i> |
| 1:10 – 1:30 | <input type="checkbox"/> FY 2012-13 Provider Fee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current Status – Appeal Update <input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation Process | <i>Matt Haynes, HCPF</i> |
| 1:30 – 2:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Over GF Cap and Rate True-Up | <i>Matt Haynes, HCPF</i> |
| 2:15 – 2:40 | <input type="checkbox"/> NF Rate Analyst and PCG Consulting | <i>Matt Haynes, HCPF</i> |
| 2:40 – 2:50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Comment/Questions/Open Discussion | |
| 2:50 – 3:00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap-Up, Next Meeting, and Adjournment | |

Presentations:

Matt Haynes gave an update on FY 2012-13 Provider Fee.

- The appeal process continues to be longer than anticipated. It is not expected to be complete prior to the January transactions.
- Once the final model is complete, the MMIS mass adjustments can happen immediately. If possible, Matt would like to give the facilities 30 days notice of when final changes will be made once the appeals are complete before reconciliation begins.
- As the appeals are still in process so late in the fiscal year, the Department can extend some of the reconciliation into FY 2013-14 if necessary.
- **Board Members** noted the negative effect the delayed process is having on the facilities. Suggestions on how to improve this process in the future include interim payments or having a appeals funds reserve. It was also noted that future years should have less appeals and this year's appeals were especially impactful because they involve Fair Rental Values.

Matt Haynes discussed Growth Over GF Cap and Rate True-Up.

- Matt distributed a handout showing percent growth over GF cap and rate true-up.
- Moving forward, fees and federal match should grow with inflation and year over year change as realized during 2012-13.
- Core rates are averaging 5.5% growth over the last three years.
- **Board Members** were concerned the percentage reimbursed for growth over the cap and rate true-up continue to decrease. It was suggested that the Department try to find commonalities among the facilities that are growing well over the growth average to help determine solutions.
- **John Brammeier** noted that the demand for higher cost care and the effect of HCBS initiatives is going to increase and could cause major budget problems when/if the payments do not increase as well.
- At the next meeting, Board Members would like to see if they can see, anonymously, what types of growth categories were driving significant growth over the average and identifying factors and variable to see if there is any relevant information generated.

Matt Haynes introduced the new NF Rate Analyst and PCG Consulting

- Randie Wilson will be the new NF rates analyst. Randie is a current analyst at the Department who has worked on other long term support services projects and will be transitioning into the nursing facility rates specific position.
- Garret and Brianne from Public Consulting Group will be the new NF Provider Fee consultants for the Department and should be able to offer great assistance and analysis to the Department and the Board.

Board Members discussed miscellaneous items

- Myers and Stauffer should have cost reports available to the nursing facilities in the next 2 or 3 weeks.
- Future topics to discuss include days reconsideration, sustainability issues, facilities being reimbursed under cost, outcomes/utilization metrics/risk assessment.

Board Recommendations

- No recommendations were made at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting date will be March 5, 2013 from 1:00-3:00pm.