

# MPRRAC Meeting

**September 16, 2016**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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# *Agenda*

Agenda & Meeting Minutes Review	9:00-9:15 AM
Finalize MPRRAC Recommendations	9:15-10:30 AM
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:30-10:40 AM</b>
Year Two Process Improvements	10:40-11:10 AM
Committee Housekeeping	11:10-11:55 AM
Next Steps	11:55 AM-12:00 PM



# *Agenda & Meeting Minutes Review*



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# *Meeting Minutes Review*

- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016



# ***Finalize MPRRAC Recommendations***



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# *Laboratory Services*

The MPRRAC made a preliminary recommendation that:

- the Department continue its annual rate setting process, particularly for laboratory services that are not reimbursed by Medicare; and
- for laboratory services reimbursed by Medicare, if final 2017 Medicare rates are available in time for the 2017-2018 budget cycle, and assuming that the 2017 Medicare rates are based on the OIG report, the Department set rates at 95% of the 2017 Medicare rates.



# *Home Health Services*

The MPRRAC made a preliminary recommendation that:

- the Department increase rates towards 90% of LUPA over three years,
- the Department examine geographic (e.g., reimbursing differently based on locations such as rural, frontier, and urban) and transportation considerations, and
- the Department investigate, as an alternative to the current lump sum payment methodology, reimbursement methodologies that are a “base plus”.



# *Private Duty Nursing Services*

The MPRRAC made a preliminary recommendation that:

- the Department gather more information about LPN reimbursement rates and/or wages from hospitals and LTACs to help investigate appropriate increases in the LPN rate for PDN services; and
- similar to Home Health, the Department, consider some mechanism to increase reimbursement in rural areas.



# ***NEMT & EMT Services***

The MPRRAC made a preliminary recommendation that:

- the Department increase rates for EMT/NEMT towards a goal of parity to Medicare and/or surrounding states over three years, including investigating the use of supplemental sources (e.g., enhanced federal match);
- the Department look at initiating reimbursement for treat and release and supplies used codes; and
- the Department investigate reimbursing for alternative transportation vehicles (i.e. vehicles other than ambulances).



# *Physician-Administered Drugs*

The MPRRAC made a preliminary recommendation that:

- physician-administered drugs with an Average Sales Price (ASP) should be reimbursed using "ASP Plus" pricing, that is updated on a quarterly basis for all buy and bill drugs;
- the Department investigate carving out long-acting anti-psychotic injectibles from the physician-administered drugs benefit and placing them into the pharmacy benefit; and
- for physician-administered drugs that do not have a comparable Medicare rate, the Department investigate objective ways of determining cost and reimburse at a similar rate to ASP.



# *Year Two Process Improvements*

Presented by Lila Cummings



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# *Suggestions for Improvement*

- In previous MPRRAC meetings, committee members suggested:
  - the Department share rate comparison information earlier
  - the Department share more information about existing constraints (e.g., budgetary, systems, etc.), which may impact recommendations



# ***The Department should share rate comparison information earlier***

- Rate Review Information Sharing Sessions will be initiated in the fall.
- Sessions will include data presentations by both Department and Optumas (contractor) staff.
- Each meeting will be extended to allow for presentation, and explanation, of rate comparison data.
- Optumas staff will present portions of their work to date.



# ***The Department should share more information about constraints***

- During year one, the Department took a very hands-off approach to the MPRRAC's recommendation development.
- The Department proposes to share staff ideas throughout the year to enrich committee dialogue.
- One way to do this could be to form MPRRAC workgroups this fall, to which staff may present throughout the year.
  - Establishing smaller workgroups may enable the exchange of detailed information and robust dialogue while also maximizing committee members' time.



# ***Process Improvement Goals***

- The goals of proposed process improvements are:
  - To allow for information to be shared earlier, and
  - To allow for robust conversation, resulting in:
    - Report content that, when read, is already generally familiar to the MPRRAC, and
    - Recommendations, from both the MPRRAC and the Department, that have the highest potential to be fully considered by the JBC.



# *Committee Discussion*



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# *Committee Housekeeping*



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# *Committee Housekeeping*

- Out of Cycle Reviews
- Elect Year Two Vice-Chair
- Year Two Meeting Dates
- Rate Review Petitions and Proposals

