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Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

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I. Jason Takaki (HCPF) – Welcome and Introductions

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- A. Minutes for April were finalized and approved by the group
- B. Brian Fife- is our new PACE Administrator
- C. HBU Administrator position filled. Heather Fladmark will begin June 1, 2015.
 - C1. Heather's background is previous CO Access Supervisor and intake work with HBU population.
 - C2. Final Recommendation from CU will be out end of June 2015 for the HBU re-design.

II. Anthony Satariano (HCPF) – Pay for Performance Update

- A. Pay for Performance site visits were performed across the state. 12 minor appeals were resolved with one appeal still pending.
- B. With the change in the P4P contractor, the possibility for submitting information electronically through the contractor's website exists. Not sure if the smaller facilities will find electronic submission easier. If anyone knows if electronic submission would be an issue, let Anthony know. Anthony.Satariano@state.co.us
 - B1. Electronic submission is one option for submitting information for the P4P program. Hard copy files or CD files can still be mailed to Anthony at the Department.
- C. PCG report estimated to be out the second week of June 2015. It is currently in the HCPF clearance process.

III. Jason Takaki (HCPF) – New HBU Vendor Update

- A. Switching vendors for HBU: new vendor is EQ Health Systems. They will do eligibility determinations once the contract is signed.
- B. Significant changes for the HBU Program. CU Research Report findings on HBU will be complete by the end of June. CU looked at the HBU methodology and reimbursement and did a gap analysis. They found significant gaps, such as, how does HCPF's system fill in the gaps between the hospital's system and regular SNFs.
- C. CU looked at tiered rates, the people who are with the CSS program, have a higher acuity and don't fit with the regular rate. Colorado doesn't have a mechanism for funding that allows increase in services for a safe placement.



IV. Randie Wilson (HCPF) – FRV Update

- A. Only two IDR'S, sending finalized comments to Myers and Stauffer and then scheduling them. Last round of IDR's and send an informal consideration within 30 days of receiving the determination letter.
- B. Draft of FRV appraisal guide will go on the website, NFAC will review the draft guide first.
- C. In approximately one year, a new RFP for appraisal vendor will be generated. No reason why a skilled nursing facility representative couldn't be on the evaluation team.

V. Debbie Fimple (HCPF) – Medicaid Re-branding Update

- A. Sent out FAQ sheet electronically. Re-branding Medicaid program – Health First Colorado. Colorado's Medicaid Program. Two years ago, grant was received from the Colorado Health Foundation- included members, focus groups, and state thought leaders. They identified the name, Health First Colorado.
- B. Rollout is May 2016, including HCPF assistance to anyone needing help with logos or materials. Contact Debbie (Debbie.Fimple@state.co.us) within the next few months to let her know what materials you are using with HCPF logos and what you'd need to have updated.

VI. Cathy Fielder (HCPF) – Intro for Taren Cunningham

- A. Next year, a NEW MMIS system will replace the old one and it will have an impact on nursing facilities. Cathy and Jason are working on the new project and will keep the nursing facilities informed of changes.
- B. In addition, read any HCPF communications and the provider bulletin for future changes. Contact the person who posted the new message first with any questions, before contacting Cathy or Jason. HCPF will assist to make sure the right information is sent out.

VII. Taren Cunningham (HCPF) – New MMIS System Impacts

- A. Taren is the Strategic Administrator for HCPF, in charge of communications for the new MMIS and re-enrollment. Three changes: The Commit Project, the revalidation and training requirements, and new provider enrollment.
- B. The Commit Project is three separate healthcare enterprise systems, run by different teams; the new MMIS (interChange), new pharmacy benefits management system (PBMS), and BIDMS (Business Intelligence Data Management System).



- C. The Colorado InterChange (the new MMIS) is going live in November 2016. Many new features, including electronic provider enrollment, new provider portal for billing and claims, new case management system, online provider trainings, new provider search tool, etc.
- C1. The **online provider enrollment tool** is going live in September 2015. This tool is going live rather soon, due to the federal provider screening regulation by ACA that was signed into law in 2011.
 - C2. HCPF has until March 31, 2016 to revalidate all of the existing Medicaid and CHP plus providers. After the initial validation period, every provider will need to be re-evaluated every 3 to 5 years as this is a federal regulation.
 - C3. Other changes include the MCOs and BHOs managed care organizations. They will now have to individually enroll (through HCPF) in the new MMIS. HCPF will be screening them and tying their data back to our claims.
- D. The revalidation process uses a **risk-based screening** scale. CMS took data from all the different provider types and came up with three different categories: limited risk, moderate risk, or high risk. The risk is based on fraud, waste and abuse. CMS gave HCPF the discretion to make a provider a higher risk level, but HCPF doesn't have the authority to lower a provider's risk level.
- D1. Nursing Facilities are identified as low risk. Same as the Federal and State requirements.
 - D2. There will also be pre-enrollment and on-site inspections. High risk will go through the same procedures as moderate risk does. In addition, there will be background checks and later fingerprinting for the owners. HCPF has not received guidance from CMS on how to proceed with fingerprinting yet.
- E. There is an application fee required by CMS: \$553 for 2015 and may increase in January 2016. This fee is only for institutional provider types and is per location. Some individual providers, will be exempt from the fee.
- E1. If a provider already went through screening for Medicare in the past 12 months for CHP plus or in another state, CMS says HCPF does not have to charge the fee again. If you completed the Medicare screening, keep a copy of your receipt, as HCPF will need this as already paid evidence.
 - E2. If an NF feels they cannot afford to pay this fee, there is a hardship waiver process available. First, the NF writes a letter to HCPF describing that they cannot afford to pay the fee, it is optional for the NF to provide documentation as well, the letter and/or documentation is then cleared through HCPF and then sent to CMS for approval. Currently, HCPF is seeking a statewide hardship waiver for everyone. HCPF would like every provider to be exempt from paying the fee.
- F. **Comment for Taren:** CMS is requiring a revalidation time frame per NF. And each NF has revalidate every three to five years, and revalidate through HCPF



every three to five years, is it possible to just combine this and make it one revalidation process?

- G. As of now, Colorado has over 40,000 Medicaid providers in the state and everyone has to be revalidated by the end of March 2016. With this many providers, they are being broken up into waves. HCPF will be notifying each provider which wave they are in, and what your revalidation window is. Every provider must be re-enrolled by March 31, 2016. The schedule of who is in each wave will be released in July 2015.
- H. With the new Colorado Interchange, HCPF is changing from using provider ID's to using a NPI number instead. To receive a national provider identifier (NPI), the website is: www.npess.org. The NPI is free and to receive it you will need to know your taxonomy codes. (licenses and tax information)
 - H1. In the case where a provider cannot receive an NPI number, HCPF is setting up a special "Provider Group" within the new MMIS for these providers. A system generated number will be provided by the new MMIS.
- I. Each provider is to enroll for revalidation through HCPF. Taren will follow up with NFAC about a sample application for NFAC to see on the website. No other changes are occurring until November 2016.
- J. In late November 2016, HCPF will be reaching out to Xerox to ask for the last date HCPF can submit claims and when can we start using the new MMIS. Several resources for the interchange, including FAQ's, instructions, timelines, etc. on the website: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-resources. Check this website frequently, as Taren will be updating it as questions are received. You may call the Xerox provider line, however they will most likely refer you to the website.

The draft screening rule is on the website:

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-implementations, check under federal provider screening regulations.

- J1. The old MMIS and new MMIS will run concurrently for a time period. Each provider will be able to use both during that time period.
- K. **Comment for Taren:** Would external users of the MMIS be allowed to test the new system? Taren to follow up with Trish, Janet and Josh.
- L. **Josh from CHCA for Taren:** For the new portal, we have received feedback from people asking if there was a way to check eligibility or if there's a possibility to see if the new interchange could accommodate this as it would help providers perform their job more efficiently.

Taren: Will follow up about this.

Comment: If people are looking for multiple tests, HCPF would be happy to reach out and run tests with people to break it before we roll it out, and if possible, take a look at what the provider portal might look like.



Josh from CHCA: If we have the ability to check the type of Medicaid a person has on the portal, a lot of other states have this, and this would really help Colorado. Josh will email Cathy Fielder from HCPF about what providers would like to see on the portal and Cathy can check with the project team.

VIII. Jennifer Reinheimer (Myers and Stauffer) – Q&A

- A. Myers and Stauffer will be offering an electronic submission for the new P4P process, NFAC meeting attendees agreed this would make it easier.
- B. NF's will have the same username and password and ability to see the date received and cost report. Brian, IT at Myers and Stauffer has indicated with the updates for the new M&S website, there would also be an option to have multiple usernames and passwords.
- C. M&S has a new logo with the re-branding project done, now the logo is grey and green.

IX. Public Comment/Other Updates

- A. RCCO representative has been to 4 district meetings, Doug from CHCA has been to three of them and seen positive interaction and feedback.
- B. Kathy Cebuhar from HCPF with the CCT program has left the Department, HCPF is currently looking to fill this position. The Department encourages CCT to continue to participate with NFAC, as the increased communication and understanding of perspectives has been helpful.

