

**Summary Minutes: Medical Care Advisory Committee
Aug 16 & 17, 2013
Health Care Services
Conference Room
Anchorage, Alaska**

Members/Medicaid Program officials present: Tracy Charles-Smith, Chair; Lorilyn Swanson, Vice Chair; Margaret Brodie, HCS Director; Catriona Lowe; Renee Stoll, RPh; Mark Walker; Renae Axelson; Dan Kiley, DDS; Joy Neyhart, D.O; Bret Kolb, DOI Director; Gennifer Moreau HCS State Plan Coordinator

Friday Aug 16, 2013

Minutes of May 10 & 11, 2013. Adopted as presented.

Announcements. No announcements at this time.

Essential Health Benefits update. Bret Kolb, Division of Insurance Director spoke to the committee in regards to Essential Health Benefits. The Division of Insurance regulates 15% of the insured citizens of the State of Alaska. The Division also reviews the insurance rates yearly; the rate review submissions are due every April and are completed by July 31st. There were two Navigator Grants awarded; one to United Health Care and the other to ANTHC. The grants will be used in remote and urban areas to help enrollees with general questions and complete application/eligibility determination. Under the Affordable Care Act; the employer mandate has been delayed for one year, though citizens are still required to acquire insurance or will face penalties. The Exchange is an access point for purchasing health benefits. The Fed's will announce on Sept 4th if Premera and Moda were accepted on the Exchange.

Super Utilizers. Margaret Brodie, Division Director of Health Care Services spoke to the group in regards to the NGA Super Utilizer Grant that was awarded to the State of Alaska; there were seven states selected. Super Utilizers are patients who use high cost forms of healthcare instead of utilizing coordinated lower cost healthcare. The State of Alaska team attended the Academy held in Washington D.C Aug 12-13th, 2013. The Academy is designed to help the awarded states create and implement cost saving structures while improving the quality of care for the selected group of clients. The State of Alaska has identified 80 individuals based on their number of emergency room visit claims to start off the project. A universe of recipients will be identified for care management by outside entities.

Brief overview of RBA work plan assignments and Public Comment preparation. The group prepared and summarized the public comment questions.

Tour: Geneva Woods Infusion Pharmacy. Matt Keith, Vice President of Pharmacy and Director of Infusion provided a tour of the entire facility to the MCAC members.

Tour: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center. Jon Zasada, Director of Development & Marketing provided a tour of the entire facility and held the public comment portion of the MCAC meeting at the center.

Public Comment. Lorilyn Swanson, MCAC Vice-Chair. Public comment was held in a conference room in the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center from 3:30-5:00PM. One in-person; Bonnie Dietrich provided comment to the committee. She would like to see better advertising of upcoming meetings to participate in. She is happy with the overall care she receives through Medicaid. Renae Axelson recommended a communication plan. Discussion of notification to public advertising meetings.

Open Discussion on HSS updates: Margaret Brodie reported that a corrective action is being put in place for children's dental, concentrating on ages 0 – 3. Information is being put out to providers to capture

children's dental in children's wellness exams. Further discussion regarding early childhood dental indicators, types of service providers, enrolling dental providers in Medicaid. Margaret Brodie stated that PSA's are underway to engage and educate public.

Margaret Brodie gave information about Modified Gross Income (MAGI) standards for eligibility, and Alaska's conversion "SIPP +1," that accounts for the PFD. The exploration of an 1115 waiver for continuous eligibility for adults to qualify for Medicaid was presented, with the caveat that the waiver has to be cost neutral before it would be implemented.

Margret Brodie discussed Presumptive Eligibility – under the Affordable Care Act, hospitals have the option to make eligibility determinations, and Medicaid is required to pay the bill if the hospital determines that the individual is eligible. If the hospital continuously makes erroneous eligibility determinations, Medicaid can take the Presumptive Eligibility authority away from that hospital. Medicaid is obligated to provide training to the hospital. There are options to allow other agencies to make Presumptive Eligibility determinations, but at this time Alaska is limiting Presumptive Eligibility to hospitals.

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Results Based Accountability (RBA). Tracy Charles-Smith, MCAC Chair. A brief overview of Results Based Accountability was provided for members that were not present at the last meeting. The committee reviewed and updated the most current version of the RBA matrix and outlined assignments for the committee members.

Big Picture (DHSS) update. Margaret Brodie, Division Director. Margaret will send the members the Division's and Department Performance Measures.

Update on Legislative HSS Subcommittee Meetings on Medicaid. Margaret Brodie, Division Director. The next meetings will be held in Wasilla, AK; Sept. 11-12th, 2013.

MMIS system update. Margaret Brodie, Division Director. The new MMIS system will "Go Live" Oct 1st, 2013. There will be a blackout period in the current system from Sept 18-30th, 2013.

Public Assistance Eligibility Information System Replacement Project (ARIES) update. Margaret Brodie, Division Director. Anticipate an Oct , 2013 ARIES go live date for MAGI Medicaid portion of ARIES only.

Review Lewin Report- The report has not been released at this time.

Review 2013 DHSS Priorities Updates and Changes- Cost containment initiatives. See "Open Discussion" under Public Comment section for further updates as reported by Director Margret Brodie.

Discussion-

Review Chair 2013 MCAC Recommendation Letter to Commissioner- Rough draft will be distributed among member within the week. Final is due in 2 weeks, or August 31st.

Review Public Comments received Aug 16th, 2013-

November meeting and remaining two meetings for FY14- November 15th and 16th in ANC. Public comment tentatively set for the Pioneer Home.

Agenda items for November Meeting- November agenda to include RBA, MCAC would like the Director of Fraud to present, MMIS/ARIES updates, and for Chad Hope to speak about Pharmacy Prior Authorizations.