

Fee for Service Rate Methodology Workgroup

MEETING NOTES

Date: August 26, 2008 (Tuesday)

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Sheraton Hotel
925 Creyts Rd.
Lansing, MI 48933

Attendees: Kevin Bauer, Susan Clark, Penny Dipple, Sherri Gensterblum, Christine Gottleber, Mike Grasseschi, Dave Hemingway, Ed Kemp, Mark King, Tom Koepke, Maryann Lorkowski, Lynette Lynch, Deb Marshall, Kathy Merry, Tom Miller, Evan Nuffer, Liz Patrick, Sandy Pillar, Susan Powell, Jane Reagan, Jeff Siegel, Keith Schraft, Michelle Simmons, Carol Sink, Toni Sturgis, Linda Sowle, Toni Sturgis, Mark Watters, Ann Werner

Fee-For-Service Staff Pool Lists

- If a provider is qualified to bill and for some reason is not included in the staff pool they must still submit a claim for the services they render
- If the provider does not routinely submit a claims they must be removed from the staff pool list

Targeted Case Management

- Clarification has been received from CMS that Targeted Case Management can include services provided to a **Medicaid beneficiary** to coordinate access to needed **medical, social, educational or other services**

Bulletin and Consultation Summary

- The consultation summary and bulletin has been published and is available on the MDCH website

Physician Cost Reporting

- Workgroup representatives will contact individual schools that employ physicians to assure that the current physician costs are reported accurately on the Medicaid Allowable Expenditure Report (MAER)

Transportation Services

- The formula for calculating transportation expenditures is as follows:
 - Total allowable transportation costs times the percentage of Medicaid eligible one way trips divided by the total number of special education one way trips
- Since MDCH will have to glean the number of valid one way trips from the processed claims data we will need ISDs to have all transportation claims for the year submitted by the end of November
- CMS clarified that transportation needs to be for the sole purpose of transporting special education students and funded by special education funds

Web Ex Training Update

- The first three Web Ex New Methodology Overview trainings were held the week of August 18th and the second trainings the week of September 8th
- Participation at all sessions was excellent
- PCG has added the website location for information and mention of the financial training to the modified version of the training document that is available on the website.
- The web address is www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders, click on "Billing and Reimbursement", click on "Provider Specific Information", scroll down and click on "School Based Services".
- Financial training will be offered by regions as it was for the Administrative Outreach program and will commence in May, 2009

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Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) Update

- MSDB will be added back in as a qualified Medicaid provider effective 10/1/08

ATD Issue and Input

- ISDs would like clarification on what is considered supplies and equipment and what is considered Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

- It was proposed to the group that the meeting schedule be changed to quarterly
- The workgroup would like to keep monthly meetings at least thru the cost settlement of the first year then possibly move to quarterly
- It was requested that a December meeting be scheduled the first part of the month

Eligibility Process

- Jane is drafting an agreement to be signed between the Department of Education and the Department of Community Health to exchange the personally identifiable data necessary to verify eligibility for billing Medicaid
- MDCH has requested that EDS add to their eligibility process a qualifier to glean only those Medicaid eligible recipients that are under the age of 21

Email Notifications for Staff Lists

- It was suggested that because of the increase in number of moments under the new methodology that the notification for the moments all be done vial email
- Many members of the workgroup indicated that not only did some districts not check their email regularly but some staff did not have email such as the personal care aides
- Due to these restrictions the process will continue to be a combination of paper and electronic notification
- We request that all ISDs assist by encouraging as many staff as possible to receive notification via go to email notification

Miscellaneous Issues

- Kathy Merry provided a legislative update for the group. She indicated that the strategy in Washington is to get the abolishment of the 7 new regulations on the 1st 100 day plan for the new administration.
- PCG will update the bill back spreadsheet to reflect the addition of Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind as a provider, reflect the new CEPI student count information and reflect the current supplemental cost.

Next Meeting Dates:

- October 21, 2008 1:00-3:00
- December 9, 2008 1:00-3:00
- January 20, 2009 1:00-3:00
- February 17, 2009 1:00-3:00