



## Fee for Service Rate Methodology Workgroup

### MEETING NOTES

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**Date:** October 24, 2006 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Capitol Common - Conference Room E  
400 S. Pine  
Lansing, MI 48933

**Attendees:** Lynn Borck, Michael DeVault, John Dickey, Bruce Elkins, Toni Hornberger, Ed Kemp, Maryann Lorkowski, Deb Marshall, Kathy Merry, Pam O'Farrell, Liz Patrick, Susan Powell, Jane Reagan, Jeff Siegel, Michelle Simmons, Toni Sturgis, Cindy Zmuda

**Handouts:** 9/25-06 Letter from MDE Deputy Supt. Carol Wolenberg to Medicaid Dir. Paul Reinhart re announcing lifting cap on ICR rate to 25%  
ICR Cap Comparison (15%-25%) on 2006-2007 rates

Highlighted areas are tasks to be completed prior to next meeting.

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#### MSA Updates

- The CMS conference call to discuss outstanding issues, such as the need for claims billing and the DCH request for a 4 year transition period to meet ASHA CCC requirements was cancelled by CMS and rescheduled for November 1, 2006. Also, it is expected that information will be forthcoming from CMS that places further restrictions of federal reimbursement for rehabilitation services. No new information, timetable or data is available regarding backcasting for Outreach Program, as the report is under internal review at CMS.

#### NAME Conference Report & CMS Slide Presentation

- Jane Reagan provided a brief overview of the NAME Conference and the CMS slide presentation. The Michigan ISD representatives who also attended reported on their activities and efforts on behalf of SBS programs and shared their written materials that were well received by those in attendance.

#### Parental Consent Update

- No U.S. Dept of Education information has been provided from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with written clarification on what is required for compliance regarding parent consent to bill Medicaid "each time public insurance is accessed". Other states are taking varied approaches to compliance, including inserting a statement in the IEP that would be separately signed by parent; or obtaining their signature on a separate form to allow billing Medicaid for a time period such as the life of the IEP or for an entire school year; or adding a statement to the Medicaid application. Other methods mentioned as possibilities for school districts to show good faith efforts to comply in the interim included informing families through an advisory statement in parent handbook, or sending letter to parents stating that if the district receives no response from parent, it will assume their approval is granted to bill Medicaid. It has been discussed that whatever is finally deemed acceptable by the OSEP, Michigan ISDs should use similar language. Michigan superintendents would be best served with acceptable samples or templates that can be adapted for their district. No changes to the Michigan Medicaid application can be considered due to the BRIDGES Project which is developing a new electronic Medicaid Eligibility system. We have been advised that revisions to the application form will not be undertaken until August-September 2007.

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### MDE Medicaid ICR Recalculations

- Michelle Simmons and Liz Patrick will clarify with Phil Boone, MDE, whether the cap was built into the carry forward calculations for earlier years, as the Wolenberg to Reinhart letter indicates. Upon clarification, PCG will run the July Quarter claims using the new cap. Also once more is understood about the process that is being used by the MDE, Medicaid will consider whether or not to re-submit other claims for the past 7 quarters.

### RMTS Personal Care Rate Setting Training Report

- The baseline annual time study for personal care and targeted case management is scheduled for the January-March 2007 quarter. PCG has scheduled web-ex trainings and 83 ISD representatives signed in. The staff pool list is being created by the ISDs and due by November 17<sup>th</sup> to PCG. The group discussed who should be in this first staff pool list and, unlike the other staff pool used for the Administrative Outreach program, targeted case managers or aides who are federally funded **should** be included. This is because this time study is a baseline of data, and no reimbursement will be made from the data it generates. These and other questions about this new time study should be answered during the training sessions.

### Next Meeting:

- November 28, 2006 1:00-3:00