

Fee for Service Rate Methodology Workgroup

MEETING NOTES

- Date:** March 20, 2007 (Tuesday)
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Where: Capitol Commons Center - Conference Room E
400 S. Pine
Lansing, MI 48933
- Attendees:** Scott Barlow, Michael DeVault, John Dickey, Bruce Elkins, Chris Gottleber, Toni Hornberger, Ed Kemp, Tom Koepke, Terry Latimer, Maryann Lorkowski, Deb Marshall, Kathy Merry, Pam O'Farrell, Susan Powell, Jane Reagan, Jeff Siegel, Linda Sowle, Toni Sturgis
- Handouts:** FY2006 Payment Summary by ISD for False Claims Act
RMTS Compliance Reports
Action Plan
Wayne RESA Medicaid Informational Letter & Brochure
OSEP Letter to NAME

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

Wayne RESA Medicaid Informational Letter & Brochure

- Wayne RESA has sent out to their LEAs a Medicaid/Medicare informational brochure from the MDCH website to assist parents with Medicaid questions.
- The question was raised whether this was the most recent brochure.
 - Per MSA staff the brochure is currently being updated. Once the new brochure is available I will forward to Kathy and the workgroup.

Jan-March Random Moment Time Study

- With 2 weeks remaining in the quarter the compliance % for the PCS and TCM pools are at 80% and 75% respectively. At the same time the AOP Outreach compliance is at 84%.
- Medicaid coordinators need to stress the importance of the time study on reimbursement.

New Reimbursement Methodology Projections

- There is a variance in the sampling results received due to different availability of past data.
- Overall the results are encouraging and may even represent an increase for some ISDs, but there are still many open issues.
- MDCH will continue to work on finalizing the cost settlement worksheet.

False Claims Act Update

- An L letter from MDCH is in draft form and should be released soon.
- The \$5 million threshold pertains to payments received (for MI ISDs 60% of the FFP). Three ISDs affected.
- If the school has an existing employee handbook, language must be incorporated into it regarding the False Claims Act
“(C) include in any employee handbook for the entity, a specific discussion of the laws described in subparagraph (A), the rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers, and the entity’s policies and procedures for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.”.

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Schools for the Deaf and Blind

- The question has come up whether MSDB will have appropriate cost reporting to participate in the program after the new methodology is in place. Some of the problems that exist with their participation are:
 - They do not complete an SE-4096 cost report
 - They do not participate in the current RMTS
 - They operate on a different fiscal year than the other LEAs (MSDB fiscal year is from Oct.-Sept.)
- Jane will forward a current flow chart and will follow up to get further clarification.

CPE Proposed Rule

- The new 5 questions from CMS for submission of State Plan Amendments is already inclusive of requirements from the proposed rule.
- The major areas of concern with the proposed rule are:
 - Elimination of revenue sharing
 - Redefining "unit of government"
 - Mandating cost reporting

State Plan Amendment Update

- The State Plan Amendment was submitted to CMS.
- CMS has officially acknowledged receipt of the plan as of March 7, 2007.
- The 90th day for response is June 5, 2007.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Many states feel that a Dear Medicaid Director Letter is on its way that will do away with Administrative claiming and Transportation and are preparing for it.
- There are still concerns regarding the TSLIs not being an allowable Medicaid provider.
- MPHI eligibility batch processing.
 - ISDs were told that once 270/271 file format is implemented MPHI will no longer be able to process batch flat files.
 - MDCH has notified MPHI that this will be a problem and will continue to follow. Implementation of the 270/271 is not expected for at least another 2 years.

Open Issues

- 2008 Budget Issues
- Interim Rates
 - How to set them, whether to set an amount for fee screens or set to zero

Next Meetings (the conference room will be available for the group from Noon thru 4:00):

- April 24, 2007 1:00-3:00
- May 15, 2007 1:00-3:00 (the AOP meeting will be combined with the FFS meeting on this date)
- June 19, 2007 1:00-3:00
- July 24, 2007 1:00-3:00
- August 21, 2007 1:00-3:00