

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
April 8, 2021

**Members Present**

Norman Boyd  
Roger Folsom (delayed)  
Mark Trail  
David Crews  
Russell Crutchfield  
Anthony Williamson  
Kenneth Davis  
Russ Childers

**Members Absent**

The Board of Community Health held its meeting via WebEx teleconference. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the January 14, 2021 and February 11, 2021 meetings were unanimously approved.

**Opening Comments**

- Committee appointment by Chairman Boyd: Anthony Williamson, Care Management Committee Chairman. Mr. Williamson accepted.

Mr. Williamson announced that a Care Management meeting will be held soon as well as an overview presentation to the Board.

- Board Secretary Nominations/Elections:  
Nomination: Russell Crutchfield. Mr. Crutchfield accepted.

Norman Boyd MADE a MOTION to elect Russell Crutchfield as Board Secretary. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Berry thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their participation via WebEx.

Commissioner Berry updated the Board on the following:

- A Legislative overview will be presented at the May Board meeting.
- Legislative session recognitions:
  - Brandy Sylvan, Joe Hood, Chairman Terry England, Senator Dean Burke and Senator Blake Tillery

Melanie Simon, Executive Director, Healthcare Facility Regulation presented to the Board for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-8-25 Public Notice. The rules are being revised pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

- The proposed revisions are necessary to comply with portions of House Bill 987, the “Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act of 2020,” pertaining to enforcement fines, memory care certificates and other matters.
- No additional changes to the proposed rules were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on March 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx. Written comments were due on or before March 5, 2021. No oral or written comments were received.

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board’s favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-8-25 Public Notice. Kenneth Davis SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-8-25 Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Kim Morris, Director, Reimbursement Financial Management presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) Direct Payments to Public Hospitals Public Notice.

Ms. Morris stated that the program will increase Medicaid funding to public hospitals via an annual lump sum payment. The payment will be made to the CMOs and the CMOs are required to transfer 100% of the payment to the eligible public hospitals. Public hospitals were defined as all state and non-state government hospitals, excluding Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

The cost impact to the program is \$188,544,113. The program is funded through state and federal funds. The state funds will be appropriated through an inter-governmental transfer (IGT).

The direct payments will be based on the difference between aggregate provider Medicare reimbursement and Medicaid payments for these same providers using SFY2019 Upper Payment Limit (UPL) calculations. Participation in the program is voluntary.

The payment arrangement with the public hospitals is intended to improve Medicaid member access to hospital services and to help ensure provider funding and stability.

Ms. Morris informed the Board that the briefing document listed the eligible public hospitals.

Ms. Morris provided responses to the questions from the Board.

1. Clarification of the source for the IGT, will the IGT come directly from the hospital rather than the CMO?

**Response: That is correct, IGT will come from the hospital.**

2. Will the hospital, Managed Care Organization (MCO) or DCH perform the calculations?

Response: The Department will do the calculations and provide the information to the CMOs and Hospitals detailing how much each hospital will receive.

3. Will the Department have all the claims data to complete the analysis?

**Response: Yes.**

4. Are critical access hospitals excluded because of a CMS definition or they paid differently from a perspective payment difference?

**Response: Yes, the hospitals have to be able to participate in the IGT and the critical access hospitals are unable to.**

5. What is the benefit we are trying to accomplish in this recommendation and change in payment method?

**Response: All hospitals that participate in Medicaid Managed Care program to receive additional federal funds.**

An opportunity for public comment will be held on April 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via WebEx. Written comments will be due on or before April 22, 2021.

Ms. Morris respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of Initial adoption.

David Crews MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) Direct Payments to Public Hospitals Public Notice.

Roger Folsom SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) Direct Payments to Public Hospitals Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

#### New Business/Closing Comments

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Boyd thanked the Department for receipt of Board documents for review in a timely manner.


Mr. Boyd also announced that Blake Fulenwider accepted an opportunity in the private sector. Mr. Boyd thanked Mr. Fulenwider for his contributions to the Department and wished him well in his future endeavors. Commissioner Berry echoed those comments.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2021.

  
Russell Crutchfield  
Secretary

  
Norman Boyd  
Chairman

#### Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-8-25 Public Notice
- #4 Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) Direct Payments to Public Hospitals Public Notice