

Board of Community Health
Meeting
September 10, 2020

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Allana Cummings
Roger Folsom
David Crews
Russ Childers
Russell Crutchfield
Anthony Williamson
Kenneth Davis

Members Absent

Mark Trail

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 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the August 13, 2020 and August 27, 2020 meetings were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Russ Childers, Audit Committee Chairman reported the following:

- Members present: Russ Childers, Russell Crutchfield and David Crews
- A summary of the FY 2020 Performance Audit was provided.
- Next meeting: October 8, 2020.

Opening Comments

None to report.

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:

- o Thanked teachers and front-line workers for their service on behalf of the DCH team.
- o Proud of the work being accomplished as the DCH team continues to work remotely.
- o Appreciation for Chairman Boyd's in-person attendance today and the Board for their support and remaining actively engaged.

Kim Morris, Director, Reimbursement Financial Management presented to the Board for Final adoption the Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval with an effective date of July 1, 2020, the daily mechanical ventilator per diem will increase to \$556.77.

An opportunity for public comment was held on August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., via WebEx. Written comments were accepted on or before August 25, 2020. No oral comment was received. One written comment was received.

Written comments received:

1. Donna Nackers, Vice President of Reimbursement Georgia Health Care Association (GHCA).

The commenter supports the rate increase which will assist nursing centers to address the rising cost of equipment and the provision of clinical services essential for the ventilator dependent patient population.

DCH Response: DCH agrees with the comments.

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

Allana Cummings MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice. David Crews SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs 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 final adoption the Add Silver Diamine Fluoride Public Notice.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval with an effective date of January 1, 2021, DCH will add CPT code D1354-Silver Diamine Fluoride as a covered dental service.

An opportunity for public comment was held on August 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., via WebEx. Written comments were accepted on or before August 25, 2020. No oral or written comments were received.

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

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Add Silver Diamine Fluoride Public Notice. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Add Silver Diamine Fluoride Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Kim Morris, Director, Reimbursement Financial Management presented to the Board for final adoption the Primary Care Codes Rate Increase Public Notice.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval with an effective date of July 1, 2020, DCH will apply a 1% reimbursement rate increase for the 108 primary care codes.

An opportunity for public comment was held on August 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., via WebEx. Written comments were accepted on or before August 27, 2020. No oral or written comments were received.

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

Kenneth Davis MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Primary Care Codes Rate Increase Public Notice. Russ Childers SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Primary Care Codes Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

Kim Morris, Director, Reimbursement Financial Management presented to the Board for final adoption the Financial Quality Incentive for Nursing Homes Public Notice.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval with an effective date of July 1, 2020, DCH will apply a financial quality incentive to the nursing home per diem.

An opportunity for public comment was held on August 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., via WebEx. Written comments were accepted on or before August 27, 2020. One oral comment was received. Four written comments were received.

Oral comments received:

1. Kimberly Clawson, Senior Associate Director Payor Relations, The Joint Commission

Written comments received:

1. Donna Nackers, Vice President of Reimbursement, Georgia Health Care Association (GHCA)
2. Kim McRae, President & Walter Coffey, Managing Partner, WD International Consulting
3. Kimberly Clawson, Senior Associate Director Payor Relations, The Joint Commission
4. Deke Cateau, Chief Executive Officer, A.G. Rhodes

Several comments were in favor of the new Financial Quality Incentive for Nursing Homes.

DCH Response: No response.

Written Comment:

The public notice equated The Joint Commission accreditation to American Health Care Association (AHCA) Bronze award. The written and oral comments requested that The Joint Commission accreditation be recognized at the highest award level commensurate with the AHCA Gold Award. Per comments received, AHCA Bronze award recipients must demonstrate a commitment to quality and Gold award recipients must demonstrate excellence in Quality. The commenter noted that The Joint Commission accredited nursing homes must demonstrate compliance to a comprehensive set of standards which focus on safety, process improvement and quality of care.

DCH Response: After review of the comments and the required compliance to become The Joint Commission accredited, DCH agrees with the commenter and will recognize The Joint Commission accreditation at the highest award level to be commensurate with the AHCA Gold Award.

Written Comment:

The written comment requested DCH to consider adding The Eden Registry to the current award type level.

DCH Response: While there are other national registries that focus on improving quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes, DCH will focus on the two quality awards listed in the public notice.

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

Russell Crutchfield MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Financial Quality Incentive for Nursing Homes 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 Financial Quality Incentive for Nursing Homes Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6).


New Business/Closing Comments


On behalf of the Board, Chairman Boyd thanked the Department for the tireless work being done for the state of Georgia during this pandemic.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF September, 2020.


Allana Cummings
Secretary


Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice
- #4 Add Silver Diamine Fluoride Public Notice
- #5 Primary Care Codes Rate Increase Public Notice
- #6 Financial Quality Incentive for Nursing Homes Public Notice