

Board of Community Health
Meeting
May 9, 2019

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Allana Cummings
Mark Trail
Roger Folsom
David Crews
Russ Childers
Russell Crutchfield
Kenneth Davis

Members Absent

Anthony Williamson

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), 5th Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. (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 April 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Reports

None to report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Berry updated the Board on the following:

- Employee Recognition Week May 6th-10th, 2019.
Publicly recognized and thanked staff for all the work they do. Chairman Boyd thanked staff as well on behalf of the Board.

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement presented to the Board for final adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Payments for Community Service Boards (CSBs) Public Notice.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective July 1, 2019, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to make quarterly Graduate Medical Education (GME) payments to Community Service Boards (CSBs) with GME programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

This is estimated to increase expenditures in state fiscal year (SFY) 2020 by \$693,600 total funds (\$226,252 state funds). The state funds portion of the GME payments will be funded through an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) of funds from the eligible CSB to the Department. GME payment amounts will be based on the projected cost of the residents' salary and benefits.

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before April 24, 2019. No oral or written comments were received.

Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russell Crutchfield MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Payments for Community Service Boards (CSBs) Public Notice. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 1, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Payments for Community Service Boards (CSBs) Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice.

Pending CMS approval, the Department is proposing a rate increase for specialized nursing home ventilator care. For State Fiscal Year 2020, the General Assembly appropriated funds to increase the nursing facility per diem for a ventilator dependent resident by three percent from 524.81 to \$540.55.

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid nursing home expenditures for the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program for SFY 2020 by \$335,200 in total funds with a state fund portion of \$109,342.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments will be accepted on or before May 22, 2019.

Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs 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 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: 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 #4).

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Services Rendered in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit Public Notice.

Pending CMS approval, the Department proposes to implement a new annual supplemental payment to acute care hospitals that have inpatient child and adolescent behavioral health units. The supplemental payment will provide additional reimbursement to eligible hospitals, bringing the total Medicaid payments for inpatient mental health services rendered by the units to the equivalent of \$750 per covered day.

This proposal would provide additional funding to four hospitals. The impacted hospitals are Donalsonville Hospital, Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Saint Francis Hospital and Tanner Medical Center-Villa Rica. This change is estimated to increase hospital expenditures for SFY 2020 by \$441,464 in total funds with a state fund portion of \$144,005. This funding was appropriated by the General Assembly in the State Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations bill.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments will be accepted on or before May 22, 2019.

Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Services Rendered in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit 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 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Services Rendered in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Extension of the Hospital Provider Payment Program Public Notice.

Pending CMS approval, the Department proposes to extend the current Hospital Provider Payment program until June 30, 2025.

This extension was enacted by the Georgia General Assembly in HB 321. This program was initially implemented in 2010 and this will be the 3rd extension of the program. HB 321 made no change to the operation of the program.

The Hospital Provider Payment program is expected to increase hospital expenditures in SFY 2020 by \$348,711,653 in total funds with a state fund portion of \$113,749,741.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments will be accepted on or before May 23, 2019.

Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Extension of the Hospital Provider Payment Program 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 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Extension of the Hospital Provider Payment Program Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6).

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Update Public Notice.

Pending CMS approval, this change is to be effective for DSH rate adjustments made on or after July 1, 2019.

The current language in the Medicaid State Plan states that the Department will utilize the federal definition of uncompensated care in determining the allocation of the annual DSH allotment to hospitals. The Department proposes to add language to the Medicaid State Plan that specifically defines uncompensated care, rather than referencing federal definitions. The proposed definition to be added to the State Plan is the current definition being utilized by the Department in its DSH allocation methodology and will not result in any change for hospitals. This update is budget neutral.

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Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

David Crews MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Update Public Notice. Mark Trail SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Update Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #7).

Joseph Hood, Chief Compliance Technology Officer presented to the Board for initial adoption the Rules and Regulations for Statistical Sampling for Overpayment Estimates of Program Integrity Reviews 111-3-11 on behalf of the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

This action will provide standard rules and definitions for the different partners that utilize statistical sampling (DCH contractors, Care Management Organizations (CMOs) vendors, and DCH staff) for Medicaid overpayments, known as extrapolation. Previously, there was not a rule in place that defines how and when it is acceptable to use the practice or definitions to ensure it is applied uniformly by each entity.

Commissioner Berry inquired about the language in the rule “DCH, CMOs, and contractual entities may determine the amount of overpayment made by a provider by means of a random sample and extrapolation audit”. Should the phrasing be changed from “overpayment made by a provider” to “overpayment made to a provider?” The language is accurate. The reference to overpayment in this instance is a calculation of what amount the provider should pay in reimbursement.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on June 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments will be accepted on or before June 30, 2019.

Mr. Hood respectfully asked for the Board’s favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Rules and Regulations for Statistical Sampling for Overpayment Estimates of Program Integrity Reviews 111-3-11. 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 Rules and Regulations for Statistical Sampling for Overpayment Estimates of Program Integrity Reviews 111-3-11 is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #8).

Brandy Sylvan, Director of Government Relations presented to the Board 2019 Legislative Session updates. Ms. Sylvan reviewed passed legislation that will have an impact on the Department. The legislation presented included HB 63, HB 91, HB 186, HB 187, HB 197, HB 321, HB 374, HB 424, SB 106, SB 184, HR 533, HR 584, and HR 589. The Office of Government Relations will continue to work with each division to ensure implementation requirements and timelines are met. (A copy of the 2019 Legislative Session updates is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #9).

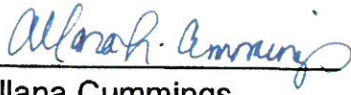
New Business/Closing Comments

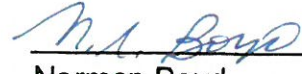
None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9th DAY OF May, 2019.


Allana Cummings
Secretary


Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Payments for Community Service Boards (CSBs) Public Notice
- #4 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice
- #5 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Services Rendered in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit Public Notice
- #6 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Hospital Services-Extension of the Hospital Provider Payment Program Public Notice
- #7 Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Update Public Notice
- #8 Rules and Regulations for Statistical Sampling for Overpayment Estimates of Program Integrity Reviews 111-3-11
- #9 2019 Legislative Session/DCH Related Legislation Update