

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC) MEETING

MINUTES

August 12, 2020

WebEx

DCH Staff Present

Blake Fulenwilder

Lynnette Rhodes

Dr. Kelvin Holloway

Deventrius Goodman-Bibbs

Members Present

Dr. Anu Sheth

Dr. Seema Csukas

Madhu Gundlapelli (on behalf of Dr. Risby)

Laura Colbert

Vickie Walters

Dr. Ryan Vaughn

Dr. William Alexander

Dr. Dan Singleton

Dr. Clarence Davis

Members Absent

Fran Baker Witt

Dr. Emile Risby

Call to Order:

The MCAC meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by the facilitator, Dr. Kelvin Holloway.

Adopt Agenda/Minute Approval:

The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the May 2020 meeting was approved.

Executive Director Medical Assistance Plan Report

• **NEBA Presentation**

- A PowerPoint presentation was given by Howard Merry, President of NEBA and Dr. Steve Snyder, VP of Research and Development for NEBA. The presentation covered a breakdown of NEBA statistical data. This information provided an overview of how NEBA uses slow wave EEG combined with a clinician's evaluation to aid in diagnosis of ADHD. Discussion was had and the offer to submit questions for replies from NEBA was made to the group.

• **Update on the Response to Covid-19**

- ***Lynnette Rhodes, MAP Executive Director, presented a slide presentation covering the following DCH/Medicaid COVID-19 updates.***
 - The National Public Health emergency has been extended
 - All waived Medicaid requirements related to the Public Health emergency is available for review on DCH's website under the COVID-19 tab.
 - Overwhelming response regarding Telehealth. DCH is revisiting the requirements and what services can be rendered using telehealth.

Covid-19 Update: Provider Relief Fund

- The Provider Relief Fund deadline to apply has been extended to 8/28/2020 due to low response.

- Medicare providers will be given another opportunity to receive additional Provider Relief Payments
- Medicaid and CHIP Providers may apply
- Certain providers who experienced a change in ownership, making them previously ineligible, will be given an opportunity to apply:
 - Providers who did not receive Phase 1 General Distribution Payments totaling approximately 2% of annual patient revenues;
 - Providers who received Phase 1 General Distribution Payments, but rejected and returned the funds;
 - Providers who received a payment under Phase 1, missed the June 3rd deadline to submit revenue information;
 - Change of Ownership in CY2019 or CY2020 under Medicare Part A and did not have Medicare FFS revenue in 2019.

COVID-19 Update: Member Enrollment

- All member terminations have been postponed with limited exceptions;
- All annual renewals/redeterminations have been extended;
- New applicants can self-attest to certain eligibility criteria

2020 Legislative Session Updates

- There will be an 1% rate increase for 108 Primary Care Codes;
- Silver Diamine Fluoride (CPT Code: D1354): \$15 per application (effective 1/1/2021);
- Nursing Home Vent Rate increase;
- 1115 Waiver to extend Postpartum Care services from sixty (60) days to six (6) months;
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager regulatory changes

Peach State – WellCare Merger

- Merger to be completed in Spring 2021;
- The choice to change period for WellCare members will be offer prior to merger;
- A focus on transition of care, case management, and care coordination;
- DCH is reviewing the Provider network, vendor/subcontractors;
- Claims will continue to be processed appropriately after merger.
- Operations

Patient's First Act

- Pathways to Coverage Update (1115 Waiver) – Will allow to cover individuals that have FPL of up to 100% of the FPL – will include childless adults;
- Applicants will be members of our Care Management;
- Reissuance Program and Georgia Access (1332 Waiver).

P4HB (Planning for Healthy Babies) 1115 Waiver Public Comments

DCH was awarded the continued extension for the P4HB Waiver. The public was afforded an opportunity to submit questions and comments pertaining to the extension four (4) weeks out before the November 2020 meeting. To date, no questions and/or comments were received from the public for this forum.

Action items:

Members from the meeting were told to forward any questions pertaining to the NEBA presentation to Dr. Kelvin Holloway or Deventrius Goodman-Bibbs.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The next MCAC meeting is November 18, 2020 at 11 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED, THIS 7th DAY OF November 2020.

Kelvin Holloway, MD, Facilitator