



MCAC Meeting Notes

June 3, 2015

MCAC Members Present: Catherine Cummings, Renee Rulin, Dave Feeney, Roanne Osborne-Gaskin, Pat Flanagan, Pedro Ochoa, Jody Rich, Roni Del Rio, Nicole Alexander-Scott

Interested Parties Present: Anne Neuville, David Swenson, Sarah Thompson

Staff Present: Jerry Fingerut, Diana Beaton

Meeting Convened: 7:00 AM

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Members introduced themselves. Deidre Gifford had another meeting and could not be present. New MCAC members include: Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director, RI Dept. of Health, Roni Del Rio, consumer member, and Pedro Ochoa, dentist at Blackstone Valley Community Health Care.
2. **Medicaid Fee for Services Policies** – Revised Medicaid FFS policies were distributed prior to the meeting for review. They included: Gloves, Home Infusion Therapy, and Intermittent Positive Breathing Devices. The updated policies were reviewed. There was one comment from the committee to add Nurse Practitioner to the list of providers who could request gloves. There were no other comments on the other two policies.
3. **Cortical Integrative Therapy (CIT)**- EOHHS is requesting a Category II change to the 1115 demonstration waiver to initiate a 100 patient per year pilot using Cortical Integrative Therapy. EOHHS is requesting feedback/public comment on this change to the waiver by June 21. CIT involves the diagnosis and treatment for brain-based disorders. MCAC members stated that there wasn't evidence to prove that this treatment worked; it didn't go through the typical review process for studies, i.e., randomized, double-blind controlled trials or other scientific review process so therefore should not be considered a Medicaid benefit at this time. The committee felt that Medicaid should be using and moving towards evidence-based practice. The group felt that possibly CIT treatment may be a candidate for MED review. They agreed to send a letter to EOHHS from the MCAC Committee expressing these comments.
4. **Health Care Reform Initiatives/Pharmacy**- Dave Feeney introduced Sarah Thompson, pharmacist at Coastal Medicine. Dave and Sarah presented on promising, innovative pharmacy practices at PCMHs and ACOs .

BCBSRI has embedded pharmacists in physician practices. MTM software is also used- Outcomes MTM (Medication Therapy Management) for Part D drugs; Mirixa is another MTM. BCBS has had \$2 million in savings (in commercial and Medicare populations) so it might be worthwhile seeing if there is benefit to a Medicaid population. Discussed Wisconsin's program and also NHPRI's pharmacy home program. There were some benefits for MTM for child populations as well, namely for asthma meds, ADHD and a few other meds.

5. Updates:

Development of Pain Management Centers- Jerry Fingerut reported on the pain management subcommittee on March 26. More work needs to be done to create a list that primary care physicians can use. There are a limited number of places to refer people to. He will report back prior to the next MCAC meeting. Dr. Alexander-Scott mentioned the Bridgemark program. There was some discussion about it but the details weren't provided. Dr. Rulin mentioned that having recovery coaches in the ER appears to be very effective.

Update on Hepatitis C- There is a dedicated team at EOHHS that meets to review requests and denials for Hep C drugs. There was a 50 % denial rate, but when we looked at the data they appeared to be appropriately decided. There is an appeals process and to date, there have been no appeals. The next meeting of this review team is June 17. We will continue to keep you updated on this. There are 2-3 new Hep C drugs that will be approved soon. In addition, new cholesterol drugs are also coming. These new specialty drugs will be a long term cost issue for Medicaid.

6. Other Business/Discussion- none.

- If MCAC members have any other items they would like to see on the agenda for the next meeting, please forward to us.
- Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott and Pedro Ochoa would like to discuss adult dental (FFS) reimbursement.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 am

Next meeting: September 2, 2015