



MCAC Meeting Notes
March 5, 2014 7:00 AM
Hazard Building, Garden Conference Room

MCAC Members Present: Catherine Cummings, Patricia Flanagan, Stephen Davis, Jose Polanco, Cecilia Pelkey, Dave Feeney, Renee Rulin, Chris Gadbois, Richard Wagner

Interested Parties Present: Cathy Cordy, Rebecca Boss

Staff Present: Deidre Gifford, Jerry Fingerut, Bill McQuade, Diana Beaton

Meeting Convened: 7:00 AM

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Review of draft Medicaid FFS Pre-authorization Policies

Augmentation Mammoplasty, Breast Reconstruction, Reduction Mammoplasty, Rhinoplasty and Septoplasty

Jerry Fingerut reviewed these Medicaid FFS policies. National standards, RI third party payers standards were used as comparisons. There were no substantial changes of these policies. The ICD-10 codes were not included.

Discussion included:

- We should benchmark against BCBSRI; they had exclusions. Maybe be consistent with largest payer in state.
- Is there a BMI cut-off for Reduction mammoplasty?

The group had no objections to the proposed policies.

3. Controlled Substances

A. Maximizing use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

The Dept. of Health is trying to encourage the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Asked MCAC members how to promote use. Currently 16% of providers in state enrolled.

Suggestions:

- Combine sign-on with CurrentCare or e-prescribing, so you don't have to log on twice/ Should not have multiple sign-ons.
- Ability of ancillary staff to access data
- Access should be as easy as possible
- Point & click
- Simplify the initial enrollment process for physician user; it's not easy to enroll, takes time; suggest automatic enrollment for licensed providers.
- Encourage people to enroll every when they renew their license (2 years).

B. Narcan Use

How do we encourage narcan use more widely.

Suggestions:

- PCPs need more education; ? one day “train the trainer”
- Blast email to physicians
- Straight forward training; web-based, 30 min CME
- Keep it simple; YouTube, 1.5 min (Mass & CT have done this).
- Recommend that EOHHS speak to HEALTH about an all-physician communication

Catherine Cummings suggested nasal form of naxalone, not needles. Show users the product; mail to physicians. First responders (police, EMTs) should have.

4. ACA Updates

There wasn't time for updates.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 AM

5. Next Steps

- Talk to HEALTH about all-physician communication on Narcan (completed)
- Dr. Cummings to distribute Lifespan ED guidelines for narcotics prescribing to MCAC (completed)
- Send out revised Medicaid FFS policies to MCAC members.
- ACA Updates

Next Meeting- Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 AM