

# NOTES

MAC Meeting – January 6, 2009

**In attendance: Ana Hicks, Marcia Cooper, Frank D'Alessandro, Kait Bragdon-Roe, Beth Hamm, Jack Comart, Leo Delicata, Mary Lou Dyer, Kathy Adams, Pat Scheuerman, Linda Schumacher, Helen Bailey, Rachel Dyer, Anna Cyr, Kellie Miller, Vicki Purgavie, Teresa Berkowitz, Robin Chacon, Juliana L'Heureaux, Lisa Webber, Patty Dushuttle, Steven Davis and Edwina Ducker.**

➤ **NonCat PDL Update (Jude Walsh):**

- Need to save funds with minimal impact to all members – focus on pharmacy benefit management and strong enforcement of the 4 brand-name drug limit (AIDS and MH medications are exempt from this brand-name limit);
- Focus on top 10% pharmacy users;
- Notice to physicians
  - Provided drug profile of their patients;
  - List those patients that are outside the 4 brand-name limit;
  - List of generic drug alternatives to brand names.
- Staff pharmacist and physicians are available for consultation.

➤ **Rule Update (Patty Dushuttle) – See also January Policy Update:**

- Sec. 19 – Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly – Emergency rule implemented to reduce management services rate from \$139 to \$126.50 – required under the curtailment order.
- Sec. 29 – Community Support Benefits for Members with Mental Retardation and Autistic Disorders – Adopted emergency rules
- Sec. 90 – Physician Services. Emergency Rule filed to increase for non-hospital based physicians - does not include increase for radiologists or podiatrist. [CMS regulations required states to identify in State Plan the different methodologies for services when provided in a hospital and non-hospital setting.]
- Sec. 67 – Nursing Facility Services – Implemented through Emergency Rules the rebasing for facilities to 2005. Also increased reimbursement ceiling for medical director.

➤ **MIHMS Update (Robin Chacon):**

- Two years ago announced that MeCMS was going to be replaced with a new claims systems – following a “fiscal agent” model (contractor would process claims);
- UNYSIS was selected through the RFP process to create and run the new claims processing system – called “MIHMS”;
- MIHMS will allow easier access to data necessary for effective care management for the members (a primary focus);
- Currently in final stage of testing for provider enrollment function – will be able to enroll with required NPI (National Provider ID) compliance and through web portal.
- Providers will be able to check member eligibility through a web portal – (MIHMS will connect directly with ACES eligibility data, providing for daily updates)
  - Will also show if the member has access to third-party payors.
- Member page does not include any information about individual members – but gives general information. Member page is being designed and the MIHMS team welcomes guidance on the design of this page.
- Have a two year time frame to meet CMS requirements for our claims processing.
- After CMS certification of MIHMS - may examine the option of a member page that will allow individuals to access their utilization data.
- Need to continue discussion with Robin at a future MAC.

➤ **OIAS Update (Beth Hamm):**

- Annual enrollment fee of \$25 for the parental expansion group at 150% to 200% of the federal poverty level. Letters went out in early December and a notice with payment coupon was mailed last Thursday. Members will have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to make this payment – if no payment will receive notice that benefits will be closing. To date, have not heard anything from the members in response to these notices. Notices went to 3, 500 households.
- Good cause can be granted if household is unable to pay the \$25 fee.
- Long-Term Care Partnership Program – Provides an asset disregard equal to the amount that the insurance policy expended for payment of long-term care. Proposed rule has been filed.

Regulation revisions will also be needed by OMS and Bureau of Insurance.

- 94% of the MaineCare population has met both citizenship and identification requirements for eligibility.

➤ **Federal Legislative Update (Ana):**

- Competing federal proposals to increase FMAP – expect to be over a 2 year period with increases of up to 8% or more.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 3rd.**