



Comprehensive Evaluation of MaineCare Rate Setting System

Phase 2: Stakeholder Engagement

December 2020

Agenda

- Introductions – MaineCare and Myers and Stauffer
- Webex Tips and Navigation
- Review Project Objectives
- Meeting Structure / Rules for Engagement (**Meeting will be Recorded and posted online within 24 hours**)
- Discussion Topics
- Submit written comments to:
RateSettingEval@maine.gov

Purpose of the Evaluation

- To develop a system for establishing and maintaining rates that are sufficient to sustain the financial viability of Maine providers, ensuring that MaineCare members have access to high quality services.
- To evaluate MaineCare's rates and rate setting system and develop a plan for the creation of a comprehensive, streamlined, and coherent system.



MaineCare Comprehensive Rate System Evaluation Overview and Timeline

November 2020

Cataloging & Benchmarking Report

- Benchmark reimbursement rates for MaineCare services with rates from Medicaid comparison states, Medicare, and commercial payers.
- Catalog existing bases for determination of MaineCare payment rates and dates of most recent substantial updates for each section of policy.

January 2021

Interim Findings

- Comparison of payment methodologies across states and summary of finding from Phase 1 stakeholder engagement regarding impact of payment methodology.
- Candidate services for Alternative Payment Models.
- Baseline recommendations to simplify and streamline rate methodologies across sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.
- Recommend a process and structure for ongoing rate review and rebasing.
- Recommend a priority list and workplan for short- and longer-term rate reviews.
- Estimates of associated investments.

February 2021

Final Report

Provider
Listening
Sessions:
October 5-9

Member
Listening
Sessions:
November 18 &
19

Provider
Listening
Sessions:
December 2-8

Meeting Structure / Rules for Engagement

Myers & Stauffer's role:

- Ensure participants keep their comments within the announced time limits.
- Ensure that comments pertain to the topic under discussion.
- Record the meeting to ensure all comments are captured.

Your role:

- Prior to commenting, introduce yourself, your organization, and any service(s) you provide.
- Rather than repeat previous points others have made, reference other comments you agree with for the notes.
- Respect time limits for each comment.

Purpose of Today's Meeting

The comparison of rates is complete; MaineCare has grouped policy sections or program areas for review.

Our objective today is to gather your feedback related to:

- Additional points you suggest for consideration regarding the rate comparisons; and
- The sufficiency of current rates and any issues related to rates and their impact on access or sustainability.

Sample Discussion Prompts

What additional points would you offer for our consideration as you look at the comparisons provided in the Phase I report?

For example:

- Are there assumptions or costs that are critical to consider that may be unique to Maine that wouldn't be reflected in another state's rate?
- Are there differences in payment methodology, services etc that may explain some of the difference in certain rates, though it may not be evident by fee schedule or service descriptions?
- Are there services where current rates contribute to access or quality issues? Do these issues then impact other parts of the service system?

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