

Contract & Financial Issues Committee, September 16, 2021, 1:00pm

Updates

EDIT Update – Stacia Chick

Stacia was not available to give a verbal update but provided minutes to the group via email from the July 15th EDIT meeting. Bruce Bridges attended this meeting and gave highlights from it including Case management for Children's Waiver, which was previously on a monthly code until July 1. This has been changed to T1017. He reported that there will no longer be a T1016 code which was being used for Hab Waiver participants. Bruce reported that there continues to be multiple issues with H2015 code usage. Transportation codes are seeing some changes currently, and a workgroup is evaluating these for resolution of issues on that topic. Bruce stated that the multiple code changes being implemented on Oct. 1, as well as the modifiers, will affect everyone in some way. Donna Nieman stated that there is an updated spreadsheet on the Department's website showing changes in codes and modifiers.

GF Negotiations – Lisa Morse

Lisa stated that the last Contract Negotiations meeting was held on September 9th. Amendment 1 has been issued, and Lisa reported that it looks okay. She will soon be letting everyone know if/when it is okay to sign off on Amendment 1 for it to be processed. She stated that boilerplate needs to be seen to be reviewed and a thumbs up given. She gave details on compliance examination language changes, self-directed services, mediation for behavioral services, medical bills for non-mental health related charges, cost allocation, MICAL and Universal Credentialing.

Legislative Update – Alan Bolter

Alan reported that the FY22 Budget has not been completed, but rumors are circulating that an agreement has been reached. When the Legislature is back in session next week, the Budget will likely be finalized at that time. Alan stated that he fully believes the DCW will be included in the final budget, but it is unknown if it will be at \$2/hr or \$2.25/hr. He anticipates that CCBHC and Local Match Drawdown will be in the final version as well. There will likely be a series of supplementals move through the Legislature over the next couple of months, which will probably include a Behavioral Health supplemental specifically. Alan gave details of Governor Whitmer's recent press release which indicated \$30+ Million in funding to be appropriated for behavioral health issues. Alan then spoke about the Senate Integration Bills (SB 597 & 598). He reported that testimony was held in Committee earlier this week. Jim Haveman testified in support of these bills, as well as Dominick Pallone. There will be another meeting next week to hear testimony on Tuesday, 9/21 from 1pm to 3pm. Alan reported that Rep. Mary Whiteford is touring around the northern part of the State to hear input on the House Integration bills. Chip Johnston reported that Rep. Whiteford is informing participants at these meetings that the House continues to be in opposition of the Senate Bills. Alan reported he will be speaking at the MAC Conference later in September.

Funding Issues – Bruce Bridges

Year to Date Funding vs. Actuary Expectations

Bruce reviewed the funding that occurred in 2020 (shown in documents provided in the packet). He gave details of DAB, TANF, and Autism population funding. Bruce then reviewed what has been occurring in 2021 through May. June information is not available yet and was not included in the anticipated percentages in the spreadsheet.

Preliminary 2022 Medicaid rate Comparison Charts for FY21 & FY22

Bruce stated that the certification includes \$2/hr hazard pay in their rates. He reported that DAB rates are up, but Autism, HMP and TANF are down. He stated that the difference in rates for the Hab Waiver shown in the chart was unrealistic. Bruce showed that the amended 2021 rates for Hab Waiver hardly changed at all (469.2 vs. 469.1). Bruce then showed comparison of FY21 and FY22 rates for HSW. He stated that he will be discussing this with Miliman to see if this can be resolved. Bruce reviewed the area rates for PIHPs. Group had no discussion.

Discussion of Key Issues – Bruce Bridges

Items from Update section can be moved to this section if there is need or interest for further discussion.

No items were moved to this section.

Other

General Fund – Gary Smith

Gary stated that he has a surplus of GF in Allegan County. He offered it to any of the CMHs if they were in need. Gary can be reached via email at gsmith@accmhs.org

The next meeting of the Contract & Financial Issues Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021, 1:00pm.

This meeting will be held in-person AND via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44pm.