

**Illinois Department of Public Aid
Medicaid Advisory Committee**

401 S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Illinois
210 S. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois

January 21, 2005

Members Present

Laura Leon – for Robyn Gabel
Robert Anselmo, R.Ph
Richard Perry, D.D.S
Susan Hayes Gordon
Neil Winston
Diane Coleman
Mike Jones – IDPH
Kim Mitroka – Christopher Rural Health

Members Absent

John Shlofrock
Eli Pick, Chairman
Pedro A. Poma, M.D.
Leticia Overholt
Alvin Holley

DPA Staff

Anne Marie Murphy
Jacquetta Ellinger
Vicki Mote
Joe Hylak-Reinholtz
James Parker
Carla Lawson
Aundrea Hendricks
Veronica Archundia

Interested Parties

Kenzy Vandebroek, CDPH
Robin Scott, CDPH
LaShonda Williams – United Healthcare
Christine Breitzan, United Healthcare
Nancy Mynard, Allied Medical
Robyn Nardone – Planned Parenthood
Mike Patton – IPA
Lisa Gregory – IPHCA
Lora McCurdy – IARF
Marilyn Peebles - DCFS
Nelson Soltman – Legal Assistance Foundation

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
Draft Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair and Co-Chair, Dr. Anne Marie Murphy, Administrator, Division of Medical Programs, called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

II. Introductions

Attendees in Chicago and Springfield introduced themselves.

III. Review of the Minutes

Deputy Administrator, Jackie Ellinger pointed out two corrections: First, Dr. Diane Coleman was not indicated in the previous meeting as an absent member. Second, the FamilyCare utilization per month per member (PMPM) was misreported. Vickie Mote, Chief of the Bureau of KidCare, added that the PMPM given at the last meeting for state fiscal year 2004 was incorrect. The correct amount is \$156.74 instead of \$145.74.

Robert Anselmo moved to approve the minutes as amended for November's meeting. The motion was approved.

IV. Administrator's Report

Dr. Anne Marie Murphy gave an update on a variety of medical projects.

- 1) Many hospitals have experienced recurrent rejections in transactions that involve claims from Blue Cross Blue Shields (BCBS). The errors are not on the IDPA side; instead, they are in the translation of the claim from BCBS. Some of the errors have been addressed, although there is a possibility of a second or third generation of errors. Director Barry Maram has been urging BCBS to fix the problem, although they are not our contractor. Dr. Murphy noted that the Director wants to emphasize that DPA staff has tried to make every accommodation possible to expedite the correction of this problem.

Nancy Mynard from Allied Medical commented that problems with transactions have been constant with other entities beside hospitals.

Deputy Administrator of Operations, James Parker, reported that for the last two months there have been significant problems with all the electronic inpatient and outpatient claims from BCBS. The department contacted all the hospitals and set up a system to make advance payments for the expedited hospitals that have seen a cash flow impact. The Director has addressed this issue at high level at BCBS and continues working on this issue as a priority focus.

- 2) Dr. Murphy reported that the budget is still in the making. DPA staff will continue working on this challenging duty in the midst of money constraints.
- 3) Michael Reese Trust Fund has awarded two grants to the department.
 - ❖ The department will work in collaboration with the University of Illinois in a project that will review the quality of prenatal care. Currently, the project is in the analysis stage. The aim is to work in collaboration with physician organizations to develop a peer review quality assurance tool to evaluate whether women with a low weight birth get an appropriate level of care.
 - ❖ The department is currently working with two dental projects. One is the fluoride varnish; HRSA awarded a grant to the Department of Public Health to provide training for physicians to do dental varnish applications for young children and to educate families about preventive measures for dental needs. DPA will be working with DPH to educate a group of Medicaid providers. In addition, there is a periodontal project for pregnant women to look at the efficacy of this intervention in reducing premature and low weight birth.
 - ❖ The department is getting ready to apply for an expansion of the Illinois Healthy Women Program. Currently, the program is structured for women losing medical benefits whether they are aging out of KidCare or because they are no longer eligible for medical benefits after their postpartum period. The intended goal of the expansion is to have the same eligibility as they have for pregnancy. In addition to the current benefits, the department is exploring the possibility of including folic acid supplements and smoking cessation aids.

Kenzy Vandebroek from the Chicago Department of Public Health asked if this expansion would include undocumented women. Dr. Murphy replied that under the federal law, that is not allowable. She acknowledged the challenge, since 1/3 of the births in Illinois are from undocumented women, and added that the department in conjunction with the Department of Human Services is exploring other avenues under Title X to provide family planning for that group of women.
 - ❖ Dr. Murphy commented that under current regulation, the federal government requires preapproved drugs prescribed under Illinois Healthy Women for treatment of STDs. Because antibiotics can be used to treat many other conditions, the department is required to preapprove drugs for STDs to be covered under the IHW waiver.
- 4) Dr. Murphy announced that the department is establishing an interagency team for Medicare Part D implementation. Jackie Ellinger is leading the team of eligibility and enrollment. Joe Hylak-Reinholtz is heading the outreach and education team, which will be working in conjunction with advocacy groups, such as Making Medicaid Work (MMW). Dr. Murphy asked if anyone would be interested in joining this project. Nelson Soltman from the Legal Assistance Foundation, Kenzy Vandebroek from CDPH, and Diane Coleman would like to participate. Diane Coleman commented that most of the efforts have been focused in the education

component, leaving out other aspects such as people with disabilities, which account for 15% of the beneficiaries in Medicare.

- 5) The moratorium for supportive living facility applications was lifted for a 60-day period, and the response has been positive. It appears that consumers like this form of service delivery. From the department's perspective, it is good that we are offering different options to persons needing long-term care.
- 6) Federal CMS has approved Illinois' hospital assessment program. This will generate more than \$300M in additional revenue for hospitals and ICFDD facilities. A question was raised about a lawsuit filed by a hospital in Belleville. Unfortunately, because litigation continues, not much can be disclosed. Information is available on the Internet at the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) web site.
- 7) Nancy Mynard from Allied Medical raised a question regarding changes to the rental and purchases of medical equipment; agency staff will get back to her.
- 8) Last year, a resolution was approved that requires a report on income retention for individuals living in nursing facilities with the view that if someone is able to retain more income, they would be able to move out of nursing homes and back into the community. The report completed by DPA is available on the Internet at:
<http://www.dpainline.com/medical/reports.html>.
- 9) The department has been awarded a grant for the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities Program's operations. In December, there were a series of conferences that involved employers from hospitals and other entities to address the myths of hiring individuals with disabilities. Discussion centered around issues related to financial benefits, compliance with ADA, and statistics in general about the program.

V. Old Business

KidCare/FamilyCare. Vicki Mote, Chief of the Bureau of KidCare, provided the committee with an update on the KidCare/FamilyCare program. There are about 2,000 pending applications. Applications submitted with all verifications are currently processed within seven days of receipt. A written report was provided showing enrollment data of the children and parents pre-expansion before 11/30/04. In addition, the report shows the cost of services under the FamilyCare expansion detailed by quarter for the state fiscal year 2004.

Staff from the Bureau of KidCare continues working on the web-based interactive application. The pilot project will be implemented in early Spring.

Vicki Mote reported that as of January 14, 2005, the Bureau of KidCare has received 396 applications as a result of the Jewel-Osco promotion, of which 228 applications have been approved, 153 denied and 15 are pending. Statistics provided show "over income" as the most common reason for denial.

Robert Anselmo commented on the positive feedback of staff from Jewel Osco to praise this outreach initiative and their interest to continue working with the department in this effort. Neil Winston, M.D., supported this comment.

Dr. Murphy opened the possibility of working with other pharmacies to promote the program with working families.

Supportive Living Update. Jackie Ellinger gave an update on SLF applications on behalf of the Deputy Administrator for the Division of Medical Programs, Theresa Wyatt. In a window of 60 days that closed on January 14, 2005, the department received 139 applications for proposals to develop about 10,500 units. Due to the number of proposals received for this project, it is anticipated that the competition will offer more choices that will benefit the community.

HIPAA Update. Jim Parker had nothing additional to report regarding HIPAA.

VI. New Business

Medicare Part D. Jackie Ellinger commented that in the last meeting, it was suggested that the department report on Medicare at this meeting. Since the federal government has not yet released the final rules, however, the report has been postponed. Jackie commented that Region V of CMS has taken a leadership role in working with SSA, and continues in communication with the department discussing questions and concerns.

Mike Patton from IPA will collaborate with Vicki Mote to enhance the web site for IDHS that presents the links to the different pharmacy assistance programs focusing on the marketing angle, to make it more appealing for visitors.

Jackie Ellinger suggested e-mailing the minutes, instead of sending them via fax. All of the committee members' information will be reviewed to ensure that everyone has accommodations; otherwise, a hard copy will be delivered. Robert Anselmo acknowledged that all committee members are in agreement with this approach.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

Nominating Committee. Jackie Ellinger commented that in accordance with the by-laws, there was a quorum present to conduct the election of officers. Dr. Richard Perry and Robert Anselmo, two of the three committee members were present. The announcement of a slate of officers for consideration for the March meeting was made. Richard Perry reported the nominees as Eli Pick for Chair and Robyn Gabel for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. The slate was elected unanimously.

LTC. Robert Anselmo reported that as Long Term Care (LTC) did not meet, there is no report.

Dental Policy. Dr. Richard Perry reported that the Dental Policy Review (DPR) committee met on 12/08/04. Under the county grant program, it was reported that Winnebago and Kane County are in their second year of a two-year dental program. The

Village of Oak Park is waiting for an approval to add a full time dental person to their dental program. The committee continued discussing the fluoride varnish and dental services for pregnant women pilot projects. In addition, the Michael Reese Trust Fund program was discussed.

The Dental Policy Manual was discussed, corrections were suggested for review, and the manual was released last week.

Currently, there are 2,603 registered providers for the dental program. About 25% of the dentists in the state of Illinois are providers of care in the Medicaid program.

August of 2004 started a pilot project that linked the promotion of the KidCare program and the dental sealant grant to coincide with the start of the school year in Chicago, DuPage County, Cook County and Carpentersville.

February is National Dental Month. There are several projects to create awareness and promote dental health such as, "The Healthy Smile Week" and "Give Kids A Smile."

The Governor signed bill HB752, which requires dental examination for children in kindergarten, second and sixth grade. In addition this bill gives the option to schools of requiring proof of dental exams before releasing report cards.

The University of Illinois was awarded a grant through 2007 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for outreach. The plan is to send senior dental students to community clinics.

The next committee meeting is March 16, 2005.

Public Education Subcommittee. Jackie Ellinger commented that in a previous meeting, Chairman Eli Pick announced eight appointments to the Public Education Committee. In addition, Susan Gonzalez, a nurse practitioner from MacNeal Hospital, has been appointed to the subcommittee.

Jackie Ellinger asked the committee for any ideas, recommendations or suggestions in regards to specific topics on which they would like to see the committee focus.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2005.