

Contract & Financial Issues Committee, January 19, 2023, 1:00pm

Updates (up to 45 Minutes)

EDIT Update – Donna Nieman

Donna reported that CCBHC Analyst gave a presentation. CLS and music therapy was discussed to see if telemedicine services were covered. Donna reported that at the current time you cannot bill 2 services at the same time. Other topics discussed were housing benefits under CCBHC, disenrollment in CCBHC, biofeedback and neurofeedback codes (not covered due to the need for waiver changes), wraparound independent facilitator, policy for post PHE (current expiration is April 11, 2023 – policy is expected to come out soon), EQI template (distributed Dec. 2022) due Feb. 28, 2023, measuring mild to moderate services being measured in CCBHC, COB Workgroup (met last week – goal is to collect 3rd party payments), tiered rates for licensed residential services (workgroup meets monthly – currently working on level of need), code chart changes subgroup (going through chart and clarifying language such as ABA overlapping codes, personal care, per diem in residential settings, etc.), code chart is updated quarterly – most recent update was on January 3, 2023. Donna continued giving updates, reporting that other topics covered were getting clinical staff educated on code changes, modifier changes, difficulty of retro code changes, and the supported employment code changes in licensure. Bryan Krogman wondered if the Department has cited any requirements that are guiding the shift to tiered rates. He stated that concerns raised need to be added to the Contract Negotiations grid. Donna stated that there has not been an explanation as to why the Department is making these changes. Donna stated that she agreed concerns should be added to that grid to be addressed. Bob Sheehan stated that Milliman may forget that we are rate takers, not rate makers. Milliman may not realize that if the Provider won't accept clients at X rate, the CMHs are paying a higher rate to get those clients into services. A standard set of rates cannot be used to make payments since the providers won't accept that rate. PIHPs have to approve a higher rate. Chip stated that he would not use tiered rates and he has received many calls from Providers with concerns on this.

GF Negotiations – Lisa Morse

Lisa was not available to give an update. Bryan Krogman gave a brief update on DHHS items including local match obligations and language that contemplates phase-out language from Section 928, guardianship contract language (Section 950) which includes funding of \$5 Million – the Department has clarified that this is voluntary, and Behavioral Treatment Plan committee proposed edits. CMH items covered were State Facility bills, proposed language for alternative tools for the Standard Cost Allocation tool, Self-Determination arrangements, Recipient rights reporting (due date extended to Jan. 31 – Contract Negotiation Team asked for a longer extension and the Department was open to this. (Email Raymie Postema if you need extra time).

Legislative Update – Alan Bolter

Alan reviewed the House and Senate assignments that were included in the packet. Alan stated that last year Lane Duck saw very few items pass during that session. One bill passed was SBs 1222 and 1223 which changed how PA2 dollars are allocated at the County level to allow for more funding to come into the counties and established a floor that cannot go lower than the FY22 amount. This may cause counties to see an uptick in dollars. After reviewing the newest members in the House and Senate, Alan spoke about key committees for the Association such as Appropriations Committee, Budget Committee, Health Policy Committee (including recently created Behavioral Health Policy Sub-Committee chaired by Rep. Felicia Brabek), and Housing and Human Services Committee which may be involved in some of our targeted legislative issues. Governor Whitmer will be holding the State of the State address on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. Alan stated that topics will likely include repealing the retirement tax, Elliott Larsen protection, earned income credit increase, right to work, maternal and child health, and reproductive health.

Funding Issues – Bruce Bridges

Comparison of Actuarial Funding to Actuarial Projection

Bruce reported on the handout included in the packet. He gave details of rate cells that make up the DAB funding, DAB average population, TANF capitation, HSW/CSP/SED Payments, HMP Capitation for BH and for SUD, and Autism projected funding. We look to be about \$14 Million below what projected amounts show. Bruce then reviewed a small chart that projected after the PHE expires, showing that we look to be about 30% above the projected funding. He stated that almost 700,000 people may have no insurance coverage after the Public Health Emergency ends. Sara Lurie stated that Medicaid eligibility will be separated from this issue, and it will begin April 1st. The State has not put anything in writing, but will begin re-enrolling on April 1st, for those who show eligibility on June 1st.

Unwinding the Public Health Emergency

Bruce stated that this included the appendixes that showed who would lose coverage and shows how this problem will compound. He stated that Milliman will need to quickly institute a rate change to adjust for this. He stated that if a client's enrollment starts in June, we should start to see this in April. He advised that the Department be informed of this to obtain the level of funding needed to continue services. Matt Berg stated that many people have moved around during the pandemic, so the concern is that local CMHs and PIHPs are going to be contacting their folks still on their contact lists to re-enroll, but many may be missed or unreachable. Bruce stated the Provider Network may have to look at this as it's currently set up. Chip stated that there is going to be a certain percentage of people eligible to apply for Medicaid who simply won't do it. Also, if folks are dropping off Medicaid will drop of that part of CCBHCs and become a burden on the GF side.

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

No other business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Contract & Financial Issues Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023, 1:00pm. This meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.