

Children's Health Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
James F. Thompson Room
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
March 9, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. EST

TAC members in attendance: Stephen Lin (proxy for Tara Grieghop-Goodwin); Kelli Whitt, MD; Charlotte Haney, DMD; Vicki Merrill (proxy for Elizabeth Wessels); Cecilia White, MA (telephonically); Pat Glass, R.N. (telephonically, proxy for Mary Burch).

Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: Micah Cain, Carolyn Kerr and Fran Crawford, Passport Health Plan; LeAnn Magre, WellCare; David Crowley and Diane Glenn, Anthem BCBS; Dr. Jeb Teichman, Kelly Fellonneau, Brittany Brice, Noel Simms, Amy Stiles and Kimberlee Richardson, Aetna Better Health; Martha Campbell, Humana-CareSource ; Gwen Emby (telephonically), Anthem BCBS.

Medicaid staff in attendance: Stephanie Bates. Others in attendance: Randall Elliott, DMD; Mahak Kalra, Kentucky Youth Advocates; Julia Richerson, M.D., APP-Ky; Carmen Conley and Fay Wells, Hospice of the Bluegrass; Teresa Hellinger, Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stephen Lin. Introductions were made by those in attendance. A motion was made by Dr. Haney and seconded by Dr. Elliott to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

DMS UPDATES: Ms. Bates announced that Steve Miller has been appointed Medicaid Commissioner.

She discussed the mock oral health collaborative PIP that will focus on D0145, which is an oral evaluation for a patient under 3 years of age and counseling with the primary caregiver, and a focus on fluoride varnishes. The purpose is to put together a solid PIP that the MCOs may choose to do in the fall.

Ms. Bates stated that the CMS 416 Report is due April 1st. The UK Data Analytical Team is looking at the way the logic is currently being pulled, and Ms. Bates will report back on this.

DMS has revised all of the MCO behavioral health reports and they are due on March 18th, and Ms. Bates will have information on these at the next meeting.

Dr. Richerson asked if a communication had gone out to the MCOs concerning the two CPT asthma education codes, and Ms. Bates said that would be going out soon.

MCO UPDATES:

AETNA: Ms. Fellonneau stated that the dental bus initiative in Regions 7 and 8 resulted in ten cleanings on ages 18 to 24, and the U of L School of Dentistry, Smile Kentucky and Better Health visited Jefferson County elementary schools and did oral health screenings on 300 children and education with 2,000 children. The MCO is collaborating with Norton Health Wellness and Kosair Children's Hospital to start wellness initiatives targeting oral health, tobacco cessation and nutrition. The MCO is doing mailers to introduce Aetna Better Health to its members and providers. There are an estimated 4,728 children in foster care.

ANTHEM BCBS: Mr. Crowley noted that there are 250 foster care children in the program. The MCO is working on a PIP dealing with the reduction of psychotropic medications in children and youth. Ms. Embry stated that a growth chart is being developed for their EPSDT membership that will include vaccination information, and a tri-fold is being developed for providers that will have coordinator contact information. It was noted that Mary Maupin attended the Ky. Oral Health Coalition to network with public health departments to promote the sealant program and other dental-related care. Disenrollment numbers for ages zero to 21 for January were 227, and for February, 303.

HUMANA-CARESOURCE: Ms. Campbell stated that the CMS 416 Report is under review and will be submitted to DMS by March 15th. The MCO is updating dental outreach postcards and an EPSDT flyer, and EPSDT outreach calls continue. Avesis is now the dental provider for the MCO. Multiple initiatives are in place to increase EPSDT compliance with preventive and specialty services. Ms. Campbell did not bring current disenrollment numbers nor the foster care information but she will bring this to the next meeting.

Mr. Lin noted that for future meetings, the TAC will provide Ms. Bates with a list of talking points that they would like the MCOs to address.

PASSPORT: Ms. Kerr stated that John Allen, who has joined the MCO, will oversee the PIPS, including the dental PIP. The MCO is collecting data on antipsychotic medication monitoring for children and adolescents and the psychotropic medication intervention program. Outreach calls continue being made to high-risk asthma members. The MCO has been working on getting schools and pediatricians talking to one another when a school identifies a child with a developmental delay or disability and who an IEP or First Steps. Ms. Bates will also talk with the MCOs concerning partnering with schools. Disenrollment numbers were provided at the last meeting.

WELLCARE: Ms. Magre provided disenrollment numbers for 2015 at the last meeting. For 2016, preliminary numbers are 9,808 members affected by bad addresses and 4,419 of those are children, or 45%. She did not know how many actual disenrollments have occurred with those numbers but will have that information at the next meeting. Ms. Magre gave PIP updates at the last meeting. There are 6,600+ foster children and adopted children in the program. Ms. Magre noted that if the TAC will let her know exactly what type of EPSDT information is needed, she will have that put in a report.

PROVIDER CONCERNS:

Ms. Merrill introduced two Hospice of the Bluegrass representatives who stated that they need guidance on concurrent care for children and how the process works for arranging treatment and care for terminally ill children. Ms. Bates gave them her contact information and she asked for examples of cases to be sent to her.

Ms. Glass stated there are not enough mental health providers and services for students and would like to see this addressed. School nurses have looked at Medicaid funding for schools to be able to bill for expanded nurse services not just through health departments but through the school system itself. Ms. Bates asked Ms. Glass to send her detailed information on what these extended services would be, and Mr. Lin asked for that information to be provided at the next meeting. Vision coverage and oral health coverage is a topic of concern for school students. Mr. Lin stated that Ms. Mary Burch wanted a clarification from the MCOs on providing eye exams but not eyeglasses. Ms. Bates stated that if any child is being denied eyeglasses to contact her. Mr. Lin will have Ms. Burch contact Ms. Bates for further clarification.

Dr. Richerson discussed pediatrician concerns. She asked about the possibility of embedding community health workers in the medical office. Ms. Bates stated that there is a Community Health Worker Task Force looking at this issue. Dr. Richerson asked that the TAC be furnished with updates from this task force. She stated that the disenrollment issue should be a top priority for the TAC. Dr. Richerson spoke about the movement towards acute telehealth care and what ideas the MCOs might have on this subject, and Ms. Bates will get clarification on the regulations. Another concern is the limited access to therapy services for children outside of the school system.

Dr. Haney and Dr. Elliott discussed pediatric dentist concerns. Dr. Haney asked if Dr. Elliott's question concerning sealants was addressed by DMS, and Ms. Bates noted that she furnished Dr. Elliott with the information he requested. Dr. Haney stated that two issues of importance to providers are retro terminations and take-back of money, as well as provider fees. Ms. Bates stated that a fee increase for fee-for-service took effect February 5, 2016, and she will send the TAC the updated regulation and fee schedules. Dr. Elliott discussed the issue of denying children nitrous oxide when they need multiple dental visits, and Ms. Bates will review this and report back to the TAC. Dr. Elliott will send Ms. Bates examples of these denials.

DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAC:

The recommendations to the MAC are:

- (1) Request that CDT Code D0145 be added for infant oral health exams to encourage providers to perform preventive dental services for children
- (2) Request that children age zero to 20 be fully excluded from address mismatch disenrollment

A motion was made by Dr. Haney to adjourn the meeting.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this 16th day of March, 2016.)