

**Children's Health Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
James F. Thompson Conference Room  
275 East Main Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky  
March 11, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. EST**

TAC members in attendance: Chair Tara Grieshop-Goodwin, Mary Burch, Dr. Charlotte Haney, Dr. Kelli Whitt, Michael Flynn, Maria Rutherford (Alternate for April Trent).

Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: Carolyn Kerr, Liz McKune, and Marcelline Coots, Passport Health Plan; Lee Ann Magre and Stephanie Jamison, WellCare; David Crowley, Mary Maupin, Matt Fitzner and Jeff Sutherland, Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield; Kimberlee Richardson, Dr. Fred Tolin, Rick Schultz, Mendy Pridemore and Mary Tyree, CoventryCares; Helen Homberger, Humana-CareSource .

Medicaid staff in attendance: Stephanie Bates, Becky Walsh and Lucy Senters. Others in attendance: Stephen Lin, Maria Hafer and Mahak Kalra with Kentucky Youth Advocates; Dr. Julia Richerson with AAP-KY, Karen Mercer with Commission for Children with Special Healthcare Needs; Regan Hunt, Kentucky Voices for Health

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The meeting was called to order by Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin, Chair. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ms. Burch and seconded by Ms. Rutherford to approve the January 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Cabinet Updates on Medicaid & KCHIP:

Ms. Bates announced that Lisa Lee has been named Medicaid Commissioner effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Bates spoke about the oral health initiative and noted that an oral health work group has been formed and that the MCOs have presented their 2015 plans to the Department. The MCOs will hold community events, furnish oral health materials, do outreach to pregnant women on covered services in oral health, focus on their PIPs, develop relationships in the community and with universities, strengthen dental information on websites, and increase telephonic outreach to members. She noted that for fee-for-service, some dental rates have been increased by 25% for both preventative and diagnostic services and the age limit has increased for fluoride varnishes. She will furnish to the TAC the age limit for the varnishes.

Ms. Senters stated that negotiations are still underway at the national level to reauthorize CHIP and that funding in Kentucky will go through June, 2016. She noted that DMS feels confident and hopes that the KCHIP Program will be reauthorized.

MCO Updates on PIPs:

Wellcare furnished a report on their Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs). The PIPs that address children's issues are antipsychotic medication use in children; follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness; readmission rate for members with primary diagnosis of mental illness; inappropriate emergency department utilization; and behavioral health medications in children. The PIPs are in various stages of process and progress is being made in all of these areas.

Anthem reported that because they have just come on board, they are still working on developing their population and analyzing data for the behavioral health collaborative PIP. A review of policies and procedures has been done for the emergency department PIP and a magnet with the tag line Know Before You Go will be given to recipients with the nurse call line. Anthem is working on well-child visits for EPSDT, increasing member outreach, looking at elder care medication reminders, and a fetal demise program.

Humana reported that they are working on the antipsychotic medication use in children, as well as an emergency room PIP, looking at inappropriate utilization and how that can be reduced and reaching out to

members to discuss other alternatives to ER use. Another PIP is antidepressant medication adherence, looking at once members are prescribed a medication, if they are remaining on that and getting refills at the appropriate times, and another is postpartum and ensuring that there is follow-up in the appropriate amount of time once a delivery has occurred.

Passport also is working on the antipsychotic drug intervention program and they monitor for under-utilization, over-utilization and if a provider has written for a prescription and it is a suboptimal dosage. Passport noted that they have seen a behavior change in prescriber habits due to this monitoring.

Coventry is working on the antipsychotic medication utilization in children, ADHD and its appropriate utilization for children and the secondary effect on family members, and a PIP involving major depression in both children and adults. On the physical side, Coventry is working on comprehensive diabetes care for adults, emergency department utilization and decreasing readmission rates in the at-risk population, mostly adults.

#### Review Reports from DMS:

The TAC was furnished the behavioral health reports. Ms. Bates noted that these reports will be revamped and updated because at the present time they are claims-based and don't accurately reflect what is going on, and the definitions for a lot of the data points are not very clear with the current report style.

The statewide total member population is 1,296,540. Of those, there are 512,671 children; and of those, there are 15,205 foster care children. A report entitled Kentucky Medicaid Foster Care In-State/Out-of-State Enrollment was furnished to the TAC and the report contains answers to questions that the TAC had.

Ms. Bates noted that the Department nor the MCOs distinguish between adults and children in grievances and appeals and, therefore, this information will not be broken down between the two groups. Anthem noted that they are beginning to break down these groups in their reporting. Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin stated there was interest in prior meetings about getting data on prior authorization denials and appeals for children receiving dental services. Ms. Bates will report back on this at the next meeting.

Questions regarding PTRF's and substance abuse will be answered at the next meeting. The CMS 416 Report is due April 1st and this report will be brought to the next meeting.

#### Discuss Recommendations to MAC:

No formal recommendations were made.

#### Other Committee Business:

Ms. Bates stated that the decision was made by DMS not to add certified asthma educators as a provider type to be reimbursable by Medicaid at this time, however, the following codes will be added as billable services – 99401, asthma education session follow-up, 15 minutes; 99402, asthma education session initial visit, 30 minutes; 94664, inhalation instruction; and 98960, self-management education and training. Dr. Richerson furnished the TAC with supporting information concerning certified asthma educators and spoke about the importance of this topic.

Dr. Haney asked if the alternates that sit in for TAC members who are unable to attend meetings will be furnished copies of the minutes and other information furnished to the TAC and Ms Bates stated that they would be furnished this information.

Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin noted that Dr. Korhonen, Co-Chair of the TAC, will be stepping down from the TAC. A motion was made by Ms. Burch and seconded by Dr. Haney that Michael Flynn be nominated as Co-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Dr. Haney to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting is May 13, 2015.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015.