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A P P E A R A N C E S

TAC Members:

Annlynn Purdon, Chair
Susan Stewart
Teudis Perez
Marlene Falconberry (not present)
Evan Reinhardt (not present)

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MS. SHEETS: Good morning, this is Kelli Sheets.

I want to apologize for the Zoom makes up. Zoom has been a thorn in our side for the last few months, and I will also apologize because it is messing with my ability to see who all is here.

But I believe, right now -- it is 10:30 -- and I believe we have Susan, Annlynn and Teudis. Have I missed anyone?

MS. PURDON: I think that is all of us for today.

MS. SHEETS: Okay, great.

Well, that does gave you a quorum so Annlynn, I will turn it over to you.

MS. PURDON: Good morning, everybody. We will start with the introductions of the TAC members.

I will start. I am Annlynn Purdon with Hayswood Home Health.

MS. STEWART: I will go next. This is Susan Stewart with Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

MR. PEREZ: This is Teudis with

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Green River District Health Department.

MS. PURDON: Thank you.

On to the minutes of the last meeting. That was the August 30th meeting, if the TAC members had a chance to review those.

I only saw one small error and it is on page 24. It says "2224" where it should be "2024." Other than that, I didn't see anything.

I will make a motion to approve the minutes.

MS. SHEETS: I can reach out to the court reporter and have that corrected if you would like.

MS. PURDON: Yeah, it's fine. Thank you.

MS. STEWART: Then I will second.

MS. PURDON: All in favor, aye.

MS. STEWART: Aye.

MS. PURDON: Did we get Teudis?

MR. PEREZ: Aye.

MS. PURDON: All right.

We are on to old business.

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Let's start with the EVV updates.

MS. PRESLEY: Good morning, everyone. My name is Laura Presley and I'm with DMS, and I will be giving your update this morning.

For EVV hard edits are beginning January 1st, 2025 for EVV. Just a reminder, agencies will not be paid if there is not a corresponding visit to that claim.

This team is reaching out to agencies today to make sure that there are no questions and they aren't having any issues. That is our update for EVV.

MS. PURDON: I do have a question.

MS. PRESLEY: Sure.

MS. PURDON: On the signatures, do those actually start January 1 for the hard edit on those also?

MS. PRESLEY: Let me double check on that.

Kelli, if you will put that as an action item and I will get an answer for you today.

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MS. PURDON: Okay. Thank you.
We have training tomorrow, so we are going to try to have all of the signatures up and ready.

Like I read one thing and it said December 18th, so I didn't know if that is just when DMS wanted us to at least try and have the majority of ours started, or if that was a hard edit for that, I wasn't sure.

MS. PRESLEY: Right. I will get you that answer today.

MS. PURDON: Okay. Thank you.
Do any of the other members have any questions about EVV?

MR. PEREZ: I don't.

MS. PURDON: Okay.

Moving on. B is an update on the supply fee schedule.

I think -- I was trying to look back -- is that about the PleurX drains and getting the update on those codes? I believe at the last meeting they said that they were working on that.

MS. PRESLEY: Yeah, and the fee

1 schedule recommendations, that includes
2 other state analysis comparisons is with
3 leadership right now. I'm sure there will
4 mostly be a cost analysis to go along with
5 that, but it has been submitted for
6 review.

7 MS. PURDON: Okay.

8 Next one is supply limits. I
9 believe that is for the MCOs.

10 MS. PRESLEY: That, I am not
11 sure on.

12 Kelli, can you make that as
13 another action item for us?

14 I am not sure if we have Jeremy
15 on today to speak to that.

16 MS. PURDON: And I believe Erin
17 was actually going to be working on that.

18 MS. PRESLEY: Okay.

19 MS. PURDON: We had spoke to
20 her. Okay. So we are going to move that
21 to the next.

22 MR. ELLIS: Can we clarify what
23 that topic is about, supplies limits?

24 MS. PURDON: It is on like some
25 of the MCOs have different limits than

1 what the state does, and we have had a
2 hard time getting what those actual limits
3 are.

4 MR. ELLIS: I see.

5 MS. PURDON: So we've got to
6 play a guessing game if we give 20 sterile
7 gauze, then maybe only ten is paid, and
8 then we have to rebill and keep lowering
9 your amount to find what it is that the
10 MCOs will pay.

11 MR. ELLIS: Got it. Okay.

12 MS. PURDON: Thank you.

13 MS. SHEETS: We will make sure
14 that gets taken to the next meeting.

15 MS. PURDON: Okay.

16 The next one is the
17 reimbursement rates, if there is a status
18 on that request.

19 MS. PRESLEY: And is that for
20 MCO traditional Medicaid?

21 MS. PURDON: I think it was for
22 traditional Medicaid, and then most MCO
23 contracts are for the Medicaid state rate.

24 MS. PRESLEY: Okay. I do not
25 have an update for that, so we will get

1 you that information -- we will get you an
2 update for that as well.

3 MS. PURDON: We will move on to
4 new business.

5 Credentialing, I believe that is
6 where many providers haven't had their
7 every three-year audit. I think somebody
8 was going to check with licensure to see
9 how far behind they are on that.

10 Oh, and I do know. Also that it
11 was some providers are getting their
12 Medicaid provider numbers as expired
13 because of that.

14 MS. SHEETS: Do you know who
15 that was, Annlynn? Was that maybe
16 Jennifer Dudzinski?

17 MS. PURDON: I know that we had
18 spoken to Erin about it. I am not sure if
19 Susan has. It looks like she has
20 something going on right now, but I think
21 it was maybe some of her provider numbers
22 that had expired.

23 MS. SHEETS: Okay. I think
24 Jennifer is just joining. We can check
25 with her to see if that was something that

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she had on her radar.

MS. STEWART: I'm sorry. I've got a surveyor at one of my locations and today is my first day back from the flu, so I am a little discombobulated.

What was the question, Annlynn?

MS. PURDON: Was it you that had some of your provider numbers expired because of the re-validation and not being credentialed?

MS. STEWART: Yes, yes, and it is just a delay. Off the top of my head, I can tell you I don't have anything specific. I can get specifics and send it to somebody if I need to, but as of this moment, I am not really prepared to talk on that.

MS. PURDON: Okay. And we had spoken to Erin about it, right?

MS. STEWART: Yes, we did.

MS. PURDON: And she was going to check into it, so maybe we can put that as an action item.

MS. SHEETS: Sure. I will follow up with Erin, and we will get you

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the information.

And Susan, if you want to send an email to Erin and copy me, we will get you that information.

MS. STEWART: All right. Thank you so much.

MS. PURDON: Okay. The next one was the MCO data for home health aide utilization.

Actually, I think it is what the utilization of home health aide was prior to the MCOs compared to what it is now.

MS. SHEETS: Since that is a new business item, the MCOs could take that back and provide that information to you at the next meeting, just let me know how you would like that presented. Do you want a two- or three-minute PowerPoint, or just let us know how you would like that presented and they can do that for the next meeting.

MS. PURDON: Okay. I think it is just we would like the numbers of when it was just traditional Medicaid, how many A visits were made, or I guess it would be

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billed, and then what it is now for the MCOs. I don't know if it is actual presentation, or if they could just get us the numbers.

MR. ELLIS: So just to clarify, you are wanting to know home health aide utilization before the MCOs were involved?

MS. PURDON: Yes.

MR. ELLIS: And home health aide utilization once the MCO is involved?

KDMS, wouldn't that be something you all would have from a holistic perspective?

MR. OWEN: Yeah, this is Stuart with WellCare.

That's what I was thinking, DMS should have that data. They have the codes.

MR. ELLIS: Yeah, we wouldn't know pre-MCO.

MS. PRESLEY: Kelli, is that something we can ask our analysts to look at to see if they can pull that data for the next meeting.

MS. SHEETS: Absolutely. Thank

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you, Laura. I will give that to Erin as an action item.

MS. PURDON: Thank you.

All right. I guess we are to general discussion. Any updates from the MCOs?

MR. ELLIS: This is Herb with Humana.

Nothing new on our side. We are still on target for the go-live with the EVV, and looking forward to that being a smooth process.

MS. PURDON: Thank you.

MR. OWEN: This is Stuart from WellCare.

Similar report. We are ready for the go-live. We've had provider relations do outreach to providers who have been struggling, but overall most providers have demonstrated that they are ready during the trial period, and also we don't have any kind of PA issues or billing issues that we are aware of at this time.

MS. PURDON: I will just call

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out. Any representative with Aetna?

(No response.)

No?

Molina?

(No response.)

Anthem representative?

MS. RYAN: Hi. This is
Kathleen. Can you hear me okay?

MS. PURDON: Yes.

MS. RYAN: Great. I am from
Anthem.

As you may all well know, Anthem
will no longer provide Medicare coverage
in Kentucky starting January 1st, 2025.
Starting with that date forward, the
member's new MCO will handle authorization
requests.

Membership is being assigned to
United Healthcare and Humana and the MCOs
can be identified in the Kentucky
HealthNet as they are already assigned.

It has been a pleasure working
with you all and we wish you all the best
in the new year.

MS. PURDON: Thank you,

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Kathleen.

Actually that is a good question and I had it written down here. So when we checked the other day, on KMS for some of our current Anthem patients, we did not see the new MCO listed in there. So should they be in there now?

MS. RYAN: Yes. We understand they should be. If we identify it, we are notifying DMS to let them know that the member was not assigned. If you want to reach out -- I am not sure who you would contact.

So they are Anthem members or are they --

MS. PURDON: Yeah, the one I was looking and it was more like last week. They are Anthem Medicaid and when we ran them in KMS, it didn't show.

Will it show in the Anthem system who the new one is, or no?

MS. RYAN: No, you would have to go to Kentucky HealthNet. Is that where you went to view?

MS. PURDON: Yes. I will have

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them run them again today just to check.

MS. RYAN: Okay. They should be assigned. Okay? And I will have to check.

Holly, any ideas of who they would reach out to?

MS. OWENS: No. I am not sure at this date who they should contact.

MS. RYAN: I'm wondering if you send it to us through regulatory, and then we can look into it and respond?

MS. PURDON: Okay. My next step was going to be if they weren't in there this week, we were just going to call the patient and see if they had received a letter and to see who they were with.

MS. OWENS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MS. PURDON: Thank you.

Have we done United health?

MS. MAITRA: Hi, this is Jayati from United Health. Can you hear me okay?

MS. PURDON: Yes.

MS. MAITRA: We are ready to go EVV hard-core live on 1/1/25. We are

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fully ready about that, too.

MS. PURDON: Thank you.

We didn't get Molina?

(No response.)

Any DMS updates?

MS. PRESLEY: Just that our main focus right now is on rates and EVV. Those are the only updates from us.

MS. PURDON: Thank you.

Any commissioner updates?

MS. SHEETS: I don't believe so.

MS. PURDON: Okay. All right.

Unless any of the other members -- I don't think we have any recommendations for this meeting?

MS. STEWART: Annlynn, did we talk about the MCO, the data on age utilization?

MS. PURDON: Yes. DMS --

MS. STEWART: Is that an official recommendation?

MS. PURDON: If we can make it one.

MS. STEWART: Okay.

MS. SHEETS: We will gather the

1 data. You do not have to make it a
2 recommendation if you don't want to.

3 MS. STEWART: I'm sorry. I
4 didn't hear that. I was gagging.

5 MS. SHEETS: I'm sorry. I've
6 got a terrible voice.

7 MS. STEWART: Welcome to the
8 crowd.

9 MS. SHEETS: Yeah, I've had mine
10 since June. There you go.

11 I was just saying that it is not
12 necessary to put in a recommendation. You
13 can just make it a request, which you
14 already have, and we will do that data
15 request for you and provide that to you.

16 MS. STEWART: Okay. All right.
17 Thank you.

18 MS. SHEETS: You're welcome. No
19 problem.

20 MS. PURDON: I believe Susan, if
21 she is still alive she will be at the next
22 MAC meeting. It looks like she survived
23 the flu.

24 MS. STEWART: I am supposedly on
25 the going up -- the 102 fever for five

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days was a little excessive.

MS. PURDON: It's been going around. Everybody in my family has had it. I told them not to give it to me.

If there is nothing else, I believe our next meeting is February the 11th. Unless anybody has any other questions or concerns?

All right. I will make a motion to adjourn.

MS. STEWART: I will second.

MS. PURDON: All right. Thank you everyone. You all have a good day.

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