

# **Professional Provider-Health Plan Workgroup**

**November 21, 2005**

**10 am- noon**

**Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner**

**233 Richmond Street, Providence**

**Insurance Conference Room**

**Minutes**

## **1. Attendance:**

**Present: Chris Dooley, Dan Egan, Lorraine Roberts, Paul Carey, Jean Amaral, Stephan Katinas, Jenny Hayhurst, Jason Martesian, Ken Pariseau**

**OHIC Staff: Patricia Huschle, Adrienne Evans**

**Absent: Joel Kaufman**

## **2. Introductions**

**Members of the Council, Health Plan Representatives and Staff introduced themselves.**

## **3. Why are we here**

**- Commissioner Koller started the meeting by reviewing the enabling legislation for the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC). The workgroup was created to address the fair treatment of providers portion of the Act and encourage policies and**

**developments that improve the quality and efficiency of health care service delivery and outcomes. The question was raised if the outcomes of these meetings will apply to the smaller “ foreign companies” doing business in Rhode Island. It was decided that this will need to be researched, but that the predominant health plans in this market, United, Blue Cross and Neighborhood, will all need to comply.**

#### **4. Review of Workgroup Charter Document (attachment distributed)**

- Charter was reviewed and discussed.**

#### **5. Meeting/ Group Ground Rules**

- The group brainstormed additional ground rules. List attached.**

#### **6. Provider Expectations**

- All provider representatives discussed their need for fee schedule information and ways they would ideally access this information. They also discussed the minimum fee schedule information needed. Electronic access, preferably an excel file that could be uploaded into a billing system was commonly identified as necessary.**

#### **7. Health Plan Reactions**

- Health plans each discussed what fee schedule information is currently available. All plans attach a sample of fees to the provider contract. Additional information is available upon request with approval. Confidentiality and the proprietary nature of fee schedule**

**information were discussed.**

## **8. Next Meetings**

- December 5th 10am- noon at the DBR offices. Health Plans will present/demonstrate current access to fee information.**
- December 12th 10am- noon same location.**

**Attachments: Workgroup Charter**

**Workgroup Meeting Ground Rules**