



MCAC Meeting Notes
September 3, 2014 7:00 AM
Hazard Building, Garden Conference Room

MCAC Members Present: Patricia Flanagan, Stephen Davis, Jose Polanco, Cecilia Pelkey, Renee Rulin, Chris Gadbois, Jody Rich, Richard Wagner, David Bica

Interested Parties Present: Catherine Cordy, David Swenson.

Staff Present: Deidre Gifford, Jerry Fingerut, Diana Beaton

Meeting Convened: 7:10 AM

1. Welcome & Introductions

Two new members of MCAC were introduced, David Bica, DO representing the RI Academy of Family Physicians, and Jody Rich, MD, MPH attending physician at Miriam Hospital with expertise in infectious diseases and addiction. David Swenson, MD of the RI Radiology Society was also in attendance.

2. Review of draft Medicaid FFS pre-authorization policies

The following Medicaid FFS policies were presented. Members were asked to give their feedback to Dr. Fingerut. The policy for treatment of Hepatitis C using direct acting antiviral medications will be posted to the EOHHS website.

- a. Breast Pumps- draft
- b. Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)-draft
- c. Direct Acting Antiviral Medications for the treatment of Hepatitis C (final)

Other policies under review included request for 2 hearing aids and incontinent supplies. Review of policies occur on an ongoing basis but members can also request policies for review.

3. Update on Hepatitis C Policy

The EOHHS policy was distributed and reviewed. Members were asked for their comments. The policy is available online. There will be a one-page provider form to complete for practicing providers. There will also be a prior authorization for Acting Antiviral Medications for Hepatitis C treatment. EOHHS will review this policy again at a later date; it is subject to change. All states are in the same position regarding the drugs manufacturer, Gilead, and the cost of this medication. The cost is prohibitive for Medicaid programs across the country.

4. Medicaid Evidence Based Decisions Project (MED)

Rhode Island is paying for participation in this project. Several other states participate. We can suggest items for review. Members are welcome to suggest topics. A handout on MED was distributed.

5. Medicaid Renewals

There wasn't time to discuss this item.

6. Follow up/Next Steps

- a. Check MCAC Charter to see if Nurse Practitioners should be a group that is represented on the MCAC.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 AM

Next Meeting- Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:00 AM