



MCAC Meeting Notes

December 2, 2015

MCAC Members Present: Catherine Cummings, Renee Rulin, Dave Feeney, Tracey Cohen, Patricia Flanagan, Pedro Ochoa, Jody Rich, Roni Del Rio, Nicole Alexander-Scott, Jean Marie Rocha, Rick Wagner, Chris Gadbois, Kim Zeller (RIHCA)

Interested Parties Present: Anne Neuville, Cindy Callahan, Karen Rego (Oxford Labs)

EOHHS Staff Present: Jerry Fingerut, Diana Beaton, Anya Rader Wallack, Jen Bowdoin

Meeting Convened: 7:00 AM

1. **Welcome & Introductions** –Kim Zeller, M.D., a new member, is representing the RI Health Center Association. Dr. Fingerut introduced Anya Rader Wallack, Ph.D., Rhode Island’s new Medicaid Director. Ms. Rader Wallack welcomed the group and thanked the committee for their commitment to the RI Medicaid Program over the years.
2. **Medicaid Fee for Services Policies** – a revised Medicaid FFS policy on Phototherapy for Behavioral Health was distributed for review prior to the meeting. There were no changes suggested, so the policy was accepted as written.
3. **TMS (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation)** - At the December 2012 MCAC meeting, there was a presentation by a physician from Butler Hospital on TMS. At that time, the treatment was not approved by Medicare. The committee reviewed the data and recommended that Medicaid not cover it at that time. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has asked the committee to review TMS treatment. Both Medicaid-contracted health plans have approved this treatment on a limited basis. Medicare does cover it now in Region 1. In long-term studies, there’s a question still if it’s effective, especially in the maintenance phase. Some of the preliminary evaluations of treatment appear to show that it’s not as effective as ECT, however, there are no side effects, which is good. Medicare Region I has good criteria. There criteria is strict- it’s only for people who fail to respond to traditional treatment therapies. There was a

motion to have Medicaid cover this treatment with strict guidelines. The motion was seconded. Dr. Fingerut will send out more info to committee members and we will include this topic at the March 2, 2016 MCAC meeting.

Dr. Rulin clarified for members that at a minimum, health plans will cover what is covered in Medicaid FFS.

4. **TB Test** – There was a vendor request (from Oxford Labs) for Medicaid to cover their TB Test. Info from the vendor and CDC website was sent to committee members prior to the meeting. A discussion ensued and additional questions were raised, including the cost of the test. There was a motion to get more information to the committee to review. The motion was seconded. We will include this item on the agenda at the March 2, 2016 meeting.

5. **Integrated Care Initiative** – Jennifer Bowdoin, Project Lead for this initiative gave an overview to MCAC members. The first phase of the Integrated Care Initiative started in Nov 2013. The second phase is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2016. Eligible individuals include adults over age 21 who are dual eligibles- people with both Medicare and Medicaid coverage. They would receive all of their Medicare, Medicare Part D prescription drugs and Medicaid benefits through one health plan- NHPRI. The goals of the program are to better align financing of the two programs and improve care for beneficiaries. A benefit of the program is to integrate- or coordinate care- between primary/acute care and behavioral health and long term care services. It's a voluntary program. There are approximately 30,000 people who are eligible. We will send notices to eligible individuals over approximately 8 months; The program is scheduled to start on May 1, 2016. This is a federal demonstration that will be operational from mid-2016 to 2020 (this includes a 2 year extension).

Meeting adjourned: 8:03 am

Next Meeting: March 2, 2015