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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

## **Fee for Service (FFS) Subcommittee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2024**

#### **Opening Statements**

All attendees were welcomed, and the meeting was called to order at 10:07 am, followed by the attendees' introductions.

#### **Provider Enrollment Updates**

Ms. Sandi Migliorisi, BFFSP, announced the Provider Enrollment unit is working clean provider applications under 30 days. The unit is expecting 3000 revalidation applications for the month of February. Effective February 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment began for certified perinatal doulas for participation with Managed Care. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, enrollment will begin for pharmacists. She also mentioned changes previously made in ePEAP should now be processed through the enrollment portal. Lastly, Ms. Migliorisi commented on general provider enrollment tips and reminded the committee they should be making sure the point of contact (POC) information on file is current and accurate, submit revalidation applications timely and that multiple locations can be included on one application for revalidations.

Ms. Jolene Calla noted from her meetings with hospitals it seems there is a credentialing issue again. She is going to gather more information as she was not sure if the issue was for the managed care plans since FFS was under 30 days. Ms. Migliorisi mentioned Medicare is running behind from the unwinding but FFS is caught up. Mr. Michael Lane commented that he would be interested in what Ms. Calla finds out. Mr. Anthony DiLuca stated that a lot of consolidation between health systems and it is getting complex because of the size of the health system. Mr. Jeffrey Isman inquired

about the ability to enroll all service locations at once, is that a requirement or just an option? Ms. Migliorisi stated it was just an option.

### **Q&A with Mr. Carl Feldman Director of Policy with the Office of Income Maintenance (OIM)**

Ms. Michele Robison introduced herself and apologized we were unable to have Mr. Feldman join the meeting. We will try to secure him for the next meeting, if requested and he is available. She stated we provided Mr. Feldman the questions that were presented in the agenda call for comment. Ms. Robison read to the Committee the provided questions and answers. The questions and answer from Mr. Feldman are located on the Power Point.

### **BFFSP updates**

Ms. Robison informed the group on February 1, 2024, Perinatal Doulas may enroll in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program to allow for participation in the managed care networks within the MA managed care delivery system. She also stated starting March 1, 2024, Pharmacists may enroll Medical Assistance (MA) Program to provide services to MA beneficiaries. Also on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, OMAP will be hosting a provider enrollment training to pharmacists wishing to enroll in the PA Medical Assistance/Medicaid program. This training option will utilize a virtual classroom via GoTo Webinar and will feature live instruction by a provider enrollment specialist. This session will focus how to create a username and log in, complete the provider application, submit claims for billing and a review of the information required to be provided at the time of application. It was also presented the APR/DRG version 40 & 41 is on track to be released February 29.

Ms. Calla questioned with the release for the APR/DRG does that mean implemented in Medicaid. Ms. Gina Morris stated yes it will be implemented and claims will be reprocessed. Mr. Lane asked if there will be an excel file with the DRG and weight? This is something that was provided in the past. Ms. Morris researched that there will be a PDF document published to the DHS website approximately mid- February. Mr. Isman questioned do we have a ballpark idea on how many people/percentages of the MA renewals in FFS? Ms. Robison stated if it not listed in the tracker we will have to go back to Mr. Feldman.

### **Policy Update**

Ms. Alexis Neel, BPAP, reported on MA Bulletins as follows:

### **MABs Issued Since November Meeting:**

1. [\(01-23-27\) "MA Program Fee Schedule Updates for the Administration of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines"](#) Issued and Effective 12/11/23

2. [\(99-23-12\) "Ex Parte Reinstatement of Coverage"](#) Issued and Effective 12/20/23
3. [\(99-23-11\) "Carr v. Becerra - Retroactive Reinstatement of Coverage"](#) Issued and Effective 12/20/23
4. [\(08-24-01\) "Interprofessional Consultation Services"](#) Issued 12/27/2023, Effective 1/1/24
5. [\(99-23-10\) "Payment for Services Associated with Qualifying Clinical Trials"](#) Issued and Effective 12/28/23
6. [\(13-24-01\) "Doula Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program"](#) Issued 1/10/24, Effective 2/1/24
7. [\(01-24-02\) "Pasteurized Donor Human Milk Coverage Updates"](#) Issued 1/19/24, Effective 1/20/24
8. [\(99-24-01\) "Medical Assistance Program Vaccine Desk Reference"](#) Issued and Effective 1/24/24

#### **Upcoming MABs to be Issued:**

1. ["Ambulance Service Rate Increase" \(26-24-01\)](#)

**Description:** The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers that the Department of Human Services (Department) will begin paying for ground ambulance mileage for each loaded mile in addition to increasing the fees for certain ambulance services on the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule, effective with dates of service on or after January 1, 2024. This bulletin will be issued after CMS approves the corresponding State Plan Amendment.

2. ["Pharmacist Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program" \(10-24-02\)](#)

**Description:** The purpose of this bulletin is to advise licensed pharmacists that they may enroll in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program to provide services to MA beneficiaries.

**(This has since been issued: [\(10-24-02\)](#) )**

3. ["Pharmacist Billing in the Medical Assistance Program" \(01-24-01\)](#)

**Description:** The purpose of this bulletin is to advise pharmacists who are enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program of the procedure code

additions and the procedures for billing services they provide to MA beneficiaries, effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2024.

4. “Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Revisions” (TBD)

**Description:** The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers of additions and updates to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule.

**Questions and Answers**

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am