

MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 5, 2017
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CST
Department of Social Services
Drifter's
325 Hustan Ave, Fort Pierre, SD 57532
Fort Pierre, SD

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bill Snyder welcomed the group.

II. December 8, 2016 Minutes

Minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting were distributed in the packet and posted electronically.

III. State Plan Amendment Report

Sarah Aker provided an overview of state plan amendments (SPAs) submitted and approved since the committee last met.

IV. Administrative Rules of South Dakota

The Division of Medical Services submitted rules to the November Rules Hearing. The rule updates clarified terminology to for physician services and other licensed practitioners. Mark Burkett asked who is included as a licensed practitioner. Sarah explained that other licensed practitioners typically include certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants acting within their scope of practice.

V. Medicaid Online Portal Update

Sarah Aker gave an updated about the Medicaid Online Portal including the new eligibility inquiry feature. More information about the portal is available online: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/portal.aspx>

VI. Health Home Financial Analysis

Sarah Aker reviewed the Health Home financial analysis documents. The Department of Social Services utilized a matched analysis to compare costs of those enrolled in the Health Homes program to comparable individuals not enrolled in Health Homes. This method showed a total \$9.6 million cost avoidance for SFY2016, and a \$5.6 million net cost avoidance after payment of the per member per month to support the program costs.

VII. Health Care Solutions Coalition Update

Bill Snyder gave an update on the activities of the Health Care Solutions Coalition, including the recommendations for next steps for the Coalition. Care Coordination agreements for Avera, Regional, and Sanford are currently with Indian Health Service (IHS) for signature.

VIII. CHIP Reauthorization/Health Care Reform

Bill Snyder provided an overview of the repeal and reform efforts as well as the options and opportunities expected as part of those reforms. CHIP has not been reauthorized, but South Dakota anticipates continued funding through March 2018 using remaining carry-over dollars. It is anticipated that Congress will act to reauthorize CHIP.

IX. Home and Community Based Services

Colin Hutchison provided an update on the CHOICES waiver renewal. Bill Snyder asked about the potential for the transition case management services. Colin noted that they anticipated starting with the South Dakota Developmental Center (SDDC). Belinda Nelson asked about the anticipated average length of transition. Colin noted services are expected to take place approximately 60 to 90 days prior. The CHOICES renewal will also add Shared Living Homes to the waiver. The goal of Shared Living homes is to connect a participant to a host family home. In the first year, DHS plans to target Shared Livings to individuals transitioning from SDDC, but hope to see success as another option for individuals in the community. Colin also briefed the group on DHS's remote monitoring pilot.

Misty Black Bear gave an update on changes to the HOPE waiver administered by the Division of Long Term Services and Supports including community transition services, community living homes, and structured family caregiving. Belinda asked about the target provider population. Misty noted that any qualified provider may enroll to provide the service. Mark Burkett asked if someone can transition to a community living home. Community transition dollars are targeted towards individuals living in an institutional setting to transition to an HCBS setting. The group asked Misty to explain the effect on access. Misty noted that LTSS anticipates more structured family caregiving homes preliminarily. Services are anticipated to be beneficial to individuals in rural communities. LTSS anticipates submitting in the HOPE waiver amendment in January 2018.

X. Other Updates

Sarah Aker reviewed intended changes to the prescription drug benefit regarding opioid prescriptions proposed by the Medicaid Pharmacy and

Therapeutics Committee. Jason Wickersham was supportive of the changes and the time given for providers to taper patients at high opioid levels.

XI. Next Meeting

The group discussed May 16, 2018 as the next meeting date.