

MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 8, 2016
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

Members in attendance: Gale Walker, Michelle Baack, Lynne Kaufmann, Scott Kennedy, Rob Loe, Mike Diedrich, Darci Bible, Erik Nelson, Ellen Durkin, Sarah Petersen, and Colleen Winter

DSS staff: Sarah Aker, Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Lori Lawson

II. April 28, 2016 Minutes

Minutes from the April 28 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 met in April. Sarah thanked the committee for their letter of support for South Dakota's State Plan Amendment (SPA) requesting a continued exemption from the requirements for a Recovery Audit Contractor. Sam Masten from the Division of Economic Assistance provided an overview to the committee about DSS's implementation of a Medicaid Asset Verification System (AVS). The AVS will allow for electronic verification of assets for determining or re-determining Medicaid eligibility for the aged, blind, and disabled. South Dakota's AVS will go live in February. Michelle Baack asked if the AVS would simplify the application process. DSS state that the AVS will be more efficient for both the recipient and staff.

IV. Administrative Rules of South Dakota

The Division of Medical Services submitted rules to the November Rules Hearing. The rule updates were substantially related to a package submitted by the Division of Behavioral Health moving rules from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Social Services. The rules package also made an update to allow for in-state liver transplants to take place in South Dakota.

V. Technology Update

Lori Lawson gave an update about Medicaid's new online portal. More information about the portal is available online:

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/portal.aspx> Gale Walker asked about education for providers about the portal. DSS has a recorded training available online and has outreached associations regarding the availability of the portal.

VI. Legislative Budget Updates

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger provided an overview of the two legislative summer studies involving Medicaid topics. The first summer study analyzed if the number of nursing home beds under the current moratorium is appropriate. In general, the committee found the number of beds is appropriate, but the location of the beds is a challenge. Rob Lowe asked why South Dakota should have a moratorium. Gale Walker spoke to the reasons supporting a moratorium including cost containment, emphasis on moratoriums from a federal level, and as a method to encourage the provision of HCBS services. More information about the Summer Study on the Regulation of Nursing & Assisted Living Beds is available online:

<http://sdlegislature.gov/Interim/Documents.aspx?Committee=168&Session=2016>

The other summer study analyzed provider rates. DSS provided education on the methodologies related to reimbursement. Brenda spoke about the Governor's three year plan to ensure that all providers are at 90% of the methodology. The meeting minutes and handouts from the summer study are available online:

<http://sdlegislature.gov/Interim/Documents.aspx?Committee=166&Session=2016> The handout for rate methodology is located here:
<http://sdlegislature.gov/docs/interim/2016/documents/PMM09-27-2016022015CostReportFiscallImpactSummary.pdf>

Brenda also spoke about the upcoming session and the Governor's recommended budget. The budget includes the funding for the three year rate plan. Although revenues are down, there are no cuts to budget; provider inflation is recommended at 1%.

VII. Telehealth

Sarah Aker provided an overview of recent changes to SD Medicaid's telehealth policy to more closely align with Medicare. The changes also allow for telehealth to be provided in a skilled nursing facility.

VIII. Well Child Periodicity Schedule

Sarah Aker shared recent updates to well-child services. DSS will increase flexibility for scheduling well-child services. DSS has also revised the well-child letters and periodicity schedule to better engage parents and families. DSS is planning to mail formal guidance to providers regarding the update to well-child services.

IX. Home and Community Based Services Update

Sarah Aker provided an overview of the Money Follows the Person program and an update on the number of MFP transitions. Sarah Aker also provided an update about the HCBS (ASA) Waiver Renewal. The HCBS (ASA) Waiver was approved in November 2016 with an October 1, 2016 effective date.

John New gave a presentation about the upcoming Family Support 360 Waiver renewal.

Eric Weiss gave a presentation about the upcoming Assistive Daily Living Services (ADLS) Waiver renewal.

X. Next Meeting