

MEDICAID MINUTES
November 7, 2016 RIC/RAC Meeting

MEDICAID REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Mr. Solomon Williams

Ms. Jan Sticka

Ms. Tori Nix

FACILITATORS PRESENT:

Mr. Wesley Ashmore

Ms. Karen Northcutt

MR. ASHMORE: I want to welcome Solomon Williams, Jan Sticka and Tori Nix from Medicaid.

1. If the MUE for respiratory nebulizer treatment is two and the hospital performs more than two, can the hospital just bill the two treatments and not the others?

Response: **Yes. If more than two units are billed, the claim will deny for an MUE edit.**

Discussion at meeting

MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, everybody. Any questions on that?

MS. NORTHCUTT: So if we decide that we don't want to, to get the denial, can we only bill two, or do we have to bill all services?

MR. WILLIAMS: We're not going to tell you exactly how to bill, but, sure, you can bill two.

AUDIENCE: If we bill four, will you pay two, or you deny all four?

MR. WILLIAMS: It will deny if you bill more than two.

2. Does Medicaid have any plans for using EAPGs for payment of outpatient claims?

Response: **Yes. The Agency has plans for moving to EAPGs for payment of OP claims.**

Discussion at meeting

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. The agency has plans, as we pay EAPGs, as we move closer, we will notify you and let you know.

MR. ASHMORE: So we don't have a date right now?

MR. WILLIAMS: We've had a date. We have a current date, but I'd rather not say because things may change.

MR. ASHMORE: Okay.

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3. a) Can a providing hospital facility record a verbal Patient First referral from the Patient First PCP as the referral or is it a requirement to have the hard copy on file at the hospital?

Response: All PMP referrals must be documented on the Alabama Medicaid Agency Referral Form (Form 362) and placed on file. The PMP may make a referral verbally, but must follow with a written referral to the requesting physician within a 72-hour period of the verbal authorization. Form 362 can be obtained at the following link:

[http://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/9.0 Resources/9.4 Forms Library/9.4.17 Referral Forms/9.4.17 Form 362 Referral fillable 3-26-12.pdf](http://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/9.0%20Resources/9.4%20Forms%20Library/9.4.17%20Referral%20Forms/9.4.17%20Form%20362%20Referral%20fillable%203-26-12.pdf)

b) Can we use the electronic notification sent to a primary care physician when another physician has scheduled a test for the patient? This notification can be put into the medical record with the PCP's NPI number. Would this copy of the scheduling notification to the primary care physician be adequate?

Response: Please refer to the answer for question A. For additional questions, contact Latonda Cunningham at 334-353-4122 or Latonda.Cunningham@medicaid.alabama.gov

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MR. WILLIAMS: Part B, just based on the question, the way I understood it, I think it's answered in part A, but if not, and if this is your question and you're here, please let me know. You're welcome to ask another question.

MR. ASHMORE: Do we have any additional questions?

MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. I do have Latonda Cunningham's phone number and email there. She is the Patient First program manager. So if you do have additional questions, feel free to reach out to her.

4. Please provide an update on RCO & APR-DRG implementation.

Response:

a) RCOs - The Agency's plan is to implement RCOs on 7/1/2017. Currently, the Agency is working with all Probationary RCOs (PRCOs) on the readiness assessment corrective action plans and will be making onsite visits the first two weeks in February to ensure readiness of call centers, governing boards, IT infrastructure, and key staff interviews...etc.

For additional information on RCOs, please visit the following link:

[http://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/5.0 Managed Care/5.1 RCOs.aspx](http://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/5.0%20Managed%20Care/5.1%20RCOs.aspx) or email questions to: RCOportal@medicaid.alabama.gov

b) APR-DRGs - The Agency's plan is to implement APR-DRGs on 7/1/2017. Currently, the Agency is working to complete all systems readiness/programming requirements.

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MR. WILLIAMS: So there are things that are happening behind the scenes. So, yes, we are planning to move effective July 1, 2017. If you have additional questions in regards to RCOs, I provided a link that you can email your questions to. And also, there's a link to our website where you can go and look for updates in reference to RCOs.

And in regards to APR-DRGs, we are still scheduled to bill out for APR-DRGs July 1st, the same date as RCOs. So right now, as far as APR-DRGs, the programming is in place. And I think we're close to being there and ready to go July 1st. And there again, I provided an email address for APR-DRGs if you have further questions.

MR. ASHMORE: Okay. Do we have any more questions for Medicaid?

(No response)

MR. ASHMORE: Thank you all for being here today.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you for your time.