

**Summary of Medical Services Fund Advisory Council Meeting  
January 11, 2008 - 1:30 p.m.  
Kanawha Valley Senior Services**

**Members Present**

Violet Burdette, Chairperson, Primary Care Representative  
Dennis Lewis, R. Ph., Pharmacist Representative  
Richard Stevens, Alternate, Dental/Pharmacy Representative  
Mike Robbins, Alternate, Hospital Representative  
Ralph Daniel Adkins, Consumer Representative  
Linda Maniak, Alternate, Consumer Representative  
Mark B. Ayoubi, Physician Representative  
Sue Ellen Buster, Alternate, Bureau for Children and Families  
John Russell, MH/BH Representative  
Charles Covert, Hospital Representative  
Larry Robertson, Hospice Representative  
Michael Kilkenny, Physician Representative  
Gerry Stover, Alternate, Physician Representative  
Charlie Young, Ex-Officio, Bureau for Children and Families

**Bureau for Medical Services or DHHR Staff Present**

Shelley Baston, Deputy Commissioner, BMS  
Shannon Riley Landrum, Legislative Liaison  
Pat Miller, MMIS Director, BMS  
Peggy King, Pharmacist, BMS  
Pat Johnson, Recording Secretary

**Unisys / WVMI Staff/Carelink**

Christy Thomas, Unisys  
Beverly Yaegar, Carelink  
Janet Reese, Carelink  
Todd White, Carelink  
John Marks, WVMI

**Interested Parties**

Benita Whitman, Self  
Carla B. Cleek, Division of Rehab  
Andra Hardin, WV Council Home Care  
Perry Bryant, WVAHC

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Shelley Baston welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Baston introduced Linda Maniak, the new Consumer Representative.

**II. Public Comment Period**

There were no requests to address the council.

### **III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

A request was made to amend the October 12, 2007 minutes to show that Larry Robertson was present at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2007 with the correction. All were in favor.

### **IV. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Violet Burdette agreed to accept the nomination for Chairperson of the MSFAC. There was a motion and second for Ms. Burdette to continue as Chair. All were in favor.

Larry Robertson agreed to accept the nomination for the office of Vice Chair of the MSFAC. There was a motion and second for Mr. Robertson to serve in this capacity. All were in favor.

### **V. Unisys Update**

Christy Thomas presented the Unisys Update. Topics of Discussion were:

- Call Statistics for 2007  
The Call Center's average speed to answer met contractual obligations.
- Upcoming Provider Workshops  
Provided proposed agenda items for the provider workshops that are to be conducted around the state.
- NPI Updates  
As of January 1, 2008, the new CMS 1500, UB04, ADA 2006 billing forms are the only ones accepted. All others will be returned.

There remains a small number of providers who have not submitted their NPI.

Claims continue to be returned which have NPI billing errors, i.e. submitting claims on the old forms with NPI information, submitting claims on the new forms and following old billing instructions, and submitting NPI's that are not listed in the MMIS system to name a few.

Other claims are being voided when a provider has one NPI, but numerous sites, but taxonomy is not provided.

- National Drug Code (NDC) Billing Requirement  
Effective on dates of service January 1, 2008 and after, if billing for a drug, you must bill with the appropriate NDC number for outpatient services.

The NDC number on the package and the unit of measurement is also required when billing.

Unisys has been issuing on the remittance advices since July 1, 2007, a warning message letting providers know of this change as of January 1, 2008.

### **VI. New Medical Identification Cards**

Pat Miller discussed that new plastic Medicaid cards are being developed because the present

machinery for current paper cards has become obsolete. The anticipated date for distribution is April 2008.

Discussion ensued.

#### **VII. Chronic Care Management Programs**

Presenters include Todd White, Medicaid Program Manager, Janet Reese, RN, Manager, Health Services, and Beverly Yaeger, RN MS, Senior Health Care Analyst.

Per a previous request from the Committee, Carelink presented their chronic care management programs available to their membership. Information regarding these programs can be obtained from the Carelink website at [www.chccarelink.com](http://www.chccarelink.com).

Carelink currently has seven programs: asthma, diabetes, coronary artery disease, heart failure, COPD, pregnancy, and pediatric obesity. Programs are chosen according to member need.

#### **VIII. Pharmacy Reimbursement Issues**

Peggy King provided information regarding CMS' changes to the federal upper limits. A joint lawsuit was filed against CMS to prevent the implementation of the pricing. It was predicted that those prices on some products would be so low that it would not cover the cost of the product that the pharmacy would purchase. Until there is a resolution of the law suit, BMS will remain at status quo.

Ms. King informed the group that the State MAC list is under review. She also introduced Goold Health Services (GHS) as the new vendor.

A survey is being sent to pharmacies requesting information on approximately 30 drugs. This will help us make sure that the prices set for the State MAC are reasonable.

Ms. King was asked to elaborate on tamper resistant prescription pads. Ms. King stated that the federal law that was passed puts the burden on the Medicaid agency to implement the tamper resistant prescription pads, as this only applies to Medicaid prescriptions. Physicians are looking to the Medicaid agency to tell them which prescription pads are adequate. CMS has outlined what the prescription pad should have on it. Ms. King is attending a meeting next week in Alexandria, Virginia, which is being hosted by the NCPP, who has agreed to take on standard setting for the prescription pads.

Discussion ensued regarding providers' concerns regarding tamper resistant prescription pads.

Ms. King requested providers to have their NPI number printed on the new pads when they order them, as the pharmacist will need this for required prescriber information.

Dr. Ayoubi advised that the best security is not to have their NPI numbers printed on the pads, but for the physician to write their number on each prescription using another color ink other than black.

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**VI. Other**

There was a request by an interested party to allow the Public to comment at the time each item is being discussed.

To acknowledge a request from an Advisory Council member, Shannon R. Landrum gave a brief update on the Redesign Program. Ms. Landrum stated that we are live in all counties, except for the counties which we do not have HMO penetration. We won't have full implementation of all eligible members in this first group until March 2009, so we are still a year away from having everyone in that TANF and TANF related population in the program. We are continuing to do outreach and education. We have approximately 2500 people as of last week choosing the Enhanced Benefit Program.

Gerry Stover requested information about Medicaid cards from surrounding states.

Larry Robertson requested Medicaid Nursing Home Hospice Benefit be put on the agenda for the April 2008 meeting. Shelley Baston stated she would start the process; however, due to the Legislature being in session, this may not be ready to put on the agenda for the April meeting.

Mike Robbins requested that the Financial Report to be placed on the agenda as a standing item.

The next meeting will take place on April 11, 2008 at Kanawha Valley Senior Services.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Pat Johnson  
Secretary II  
Bureau for Medical Services