

Contract & Financial Issues Committee, November 15, 2018, 1:00pm

Updates

EDIT Update – Jeff Labun (Newaygo)

Bruce Bridges reported on the EDIT October meeting. Discussed was the Supported Employment differential in cost and how it's recorded. The Department proposes using indirect activity with supported employment, which is causing concern among the CMHs. 3 new codes were proposed, with 2 being indirect activity. In November's meeting Autism Codes were discussed, with the implementation being changed to January 1, 2019. Bruce stated that 6,000 cases will need to be changed over to these new codes, which have to coincide with the code set from CMS. Bruce has asked the Department to issue a blanket letter stating that old codes can still be used. Bob Sheehan asked if something in writing was needed from the Association, but Bruce did not feel that was needed yet. Bob asked that the blanket letter be sent to him if/when it is received. Lisa Morse stated that the blanket letter would likely not supersede contracts already in place. Jeff Labun reported that HRA payments were also discussed at the November meeting, as well as sub element MUNC template. The Department will now be asking CMHSPs to do the annual MUNC report, as well as the PIHPs. Bruce wondered if this required a contract change. Jeff Labun stated that this may already be happening with CMHSPs sending these to their respective PIHPs. This would need to be added to the contract between the State and the PIHPs, and then the contract between the PIHPs and the CMHSPs. Group wondered why they were asking for these. The actuaries have requested it in preparation for the 298 process. Autism codes will now be entered under the EPSDT column. Group discussed some clients receiving HAB Waiver under Healthy Michigan. Group discussed how this might be possible.

GF Negotiations – Lisa Morse

Lisa reported that everyone should have received Amendment 1 from the Department. She stated that there will not be another meeting until after the Holidays, in January 2019. Employment, COFR, and other items will continue to be negotiated.

Legislative Update – Alan Bolter

Alan stated that the legislature will be back in session for Lame Duck the last week in November and the first 2 weeks of December. Some of the topics likely to be discussed in Lame Duck are Supplemental Budget and increased funds for Direct Care Workers, which we will try to have parallel the Minimum Wage increase. If Minimum wage increases by 75 cents, we would like to see DC wages increase the same. The Association is part of a coalition that has been working to accomplish these goals. Other items likely to come up are Auto No-Fault and School Safety Grants among others. Alan stated that he and Bob will be welcoming the new, incoming legislation and meeting with them to help educate them about what our public funded mental health system does and how we work. They will provide an updated "Did You Know" infographic to help with these endeavors and will try to have Bruce Bridges work to simplify the problems with DAB and Autism rates for these legislators. Alan spoke about new Committee Chairs in the Legislature. Alan stated that the probability of any actions regarding 298 being proposed are becoming less and less likely to happen. Bob stated that if anything does start to materialize, Action Alerts will be sent out, so everyone should keep their eyes and ears open.

Funding Issues – Bruce Bridges (Advanced Funds FY17 to FY19)

Bruce reviewed the spreadsheet that was distributed, which shows what Miliman has projected that PIHPs should have received, versus what they actually received. There is a difference of about \$20 Million for FY17. The projected numbers for FY19 look to be more promising. Bruce gave details on DAB/TANF projections, stating that we look to be on target. Why the numbers seem to be working now, and were NOT working previously, is unknown. Bruce stated that in FY17, Autism saw \$88 Million advanced, but over \$120 Million was spent. Group discussed that these numbers were lacking, even with the first quarter not including the age increase for services. Bob Sheehan spoke about the differences in need around the State; with some areas seeing a decline in need, and others seeing a dramatic increase. Cost settling is still needed to help balance this out. Alan asked that Bruce send him the Actual Spent for FY17 and any information for FY18. Bruce will send this to Alan. Lisa Morse asked Karen Farr about a report that St. Clair is working on for the fee screens and Medicaid not being allowable for use. Bob asked Karen to send the final product to both Bruce Bridges and Alan Bolter. Karen will when it is finalized. Bob stated that the boilerplate language needs to be clarified. Alan will work with the Senate Fiscal group to figure this out. Alan asked the group what the typical cost to the CMH is for these services. Most felt that 7%-10% under was doable. Wil Morris will send a letter from SWMBH to Bob that has an interpretation listed in it.

Other

Bob Sheehan asked the group to consider cancelling all Supplemental CFI meetings. The need for these has diminished. Group agreed by consensus to cancel these.

Bob then spoke about the 6 month MUNC. This issue was brought to the PIHPs for their involvement in the CFI Committee. While they felt that they do not have the staff to attend regularly, they encouraged this committee to contact them with any concerns or questions in the future and they will do the same. The Association will craft a letter to address this. John Obermesik stated that we don't have the PIHPs on our agenda, yet they are members of the Association. His hope is that we are building a structure of comradery by having PIHP representation at the Directors' Forums, where their voice is heard and valued. Bob suggested adding a standing agenda item for Updates for PIHPs on Contract Negotiations.

With the cancellation of all Supplemental meetings, the next meeting of the Contract & Financial Issues Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019, 1:00pm, CMHAM office, Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.