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| Medicare & CMS/NGS Workgroup  Meeting Minutes & Agenda  Date: 12/1/2020 | | | | |
| *Committee Members:*  Rebekah Mattocks, Chair  Sara Fox, Vice Chair  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison  Karen Peterson  Paula Berger  Vickie Brand  Joe Christenson  Dori Finch  Kim Fleischfresser  Lisa Hanowski  Barbara January  Karen Leutner  Alisha Miller  Jennifer Stark  Bonnie Tendrup  Kay Toczek | | | | |
| Others Present: | | | | |
| Staff Present: | | | | |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order | Members present via Zoom/phone |  |  |  |
| 2. Board and Advocacy Updates | Advocacy Committee update: Day at the Capitol in 2021 will be virtual. Legislative priorities: Payment reform; home health added to registered offenders notification, now working to include hospice; |  |  |  |
| 3. LUPA Prevention Strategies – article follow up (Karen & Kim) | Information was included in previous MHCA Informer publication.  Increase in LUPA rates had started to recover, but may be increasing again with surge in COVID in communities. |  |  |  |
| 4. CMS flexibilities to fight COVID-19 – follow up on info for members (Dori & Paula) | Information and dates were included in Informer publication |  |  |  |
| 5. No Pay RAPs | Discussed requirements for 1st and 2nd 30-day No-pay RAPs beginning in 2021. Concerns noted related to 5-day timeframe, based on 5 calendar days, not business days. CMS doesn’t process on Sundays. Agencies with only one biller need to have back up. Unclear how Advantage plans and VA will handle changes. | * Send webinar links to Karen for possible inclusion to next Informer * Verify if NAHC FAQ document is available to all | * Katie, Karen, team members * Karen P. |  |
| 6. Infusion Benefit | Most agencies report no major changes anticipated related to the new benefit. |  |  |  |
| 7. Changes to HH Compare | HH QRP OASIS and CAHPS Freeze date information published in previous MHCA Informer; new “Care Compare” website now available on Medicare website, previous Home Health Compare website to be removed. |  |  |  |
| 8. Crisis Staffing | Karen has compiled a guidance document pertaining to crisis staffing, which includes links to latest guidelines. Will be included in MHCA Informer that comes out tomorrow. |  |  |  |
| 9. Wrap-Up / Other Business | * Discussed status of fingerprinting requirements. * Surveys: MDH has trained more surveyors and had restarted full surveys, but may be pulling back; ACHC surveying on time. * COVID: discussed PPE use for patients with known exposures; staff testing; vaccination plans * “Hospitals without Walls” program Discussed current program under home health episode, and potential waiver to bill under hospital. * Governor Walz looking to extend use of FEMA workers, mainly assisting with patient transport in MN. | Add to January agenda for further discussion |  |  |
| 10. Adjournment |  |  | Minutes taken by Jennifer Stark |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: January 26th, 2021  Next Meeting Minute Taker: Vickie Brand | | | | |