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| Medicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 12/1/2020 |
| *Committee Members:* [x]  Rebekah Mattocks, Chair [x]  Sara Fox, Vice Chair [x]  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison [x]  Karen Peterson[x]  Paula Berger [x]  Vickie Brand [x]  Joe Christenson [x]  Dori Finch[x]  Kim Fleischfresser [x]  Lisa Hanowski [ ]  Barbara January [x]  Karen Leutner [x]  Alisha Miller [x]  Jennifer Stark [ ]  Bonnie Tendrup [x]  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.
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| 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, 2021Next Meeting Minute Taker: Vickie Brand |