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| Medicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 5/25/2021 |
| *Committee Members:* [ ]  Rebekah Mattocks, Chair [x]  Sara Fox, Vice Chair [x]  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison [x]  Brianna Lindell[x]  Paula Berger [x]  Vickie Brand [ ]  Joe Christenson [ ]  Dori Finch[x]  Kim Fleischfresser [x]  Lisa Hanowski [x]  Barbara January [ ]  Karen Leutner [x]  Alisha Miller [ ]  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 | Last scheduled Meeting until September., will hold off on Summer meeting for now.  |  |  |  |
| 2. Board and Advocacy Updates | Board Meeting-having a more consistent board message.  |  |  |  |
| 3. ADR Activity | Essentia Health had 3 with one being denied due to unable to get SOC due to new computer systemOnly requesting one month of activity and generally the first billing period of 2020. |  |  |  |
| 4. ADR Webinar Ideas | Open education slot in July/Aug. Idea’s for looping in a speaker. Brianna-question if they are going to continue ADR, they will follow-up on Thursday after they meet with NGS. Will discuss via email after Thursday.  |  |  |  |
| 5. MDH Survey Updates | Sounds like they are slowly catching up on surveys and to be prepared for survey. |  |  |  |
| 7. COVID Discussion Topics | Question on what has been done in the offices- Some not requiring for vaccinated employees to wear masks in the office. Staff out in the field continue to wear proper PPE. Many offices doing different things. CDC not changing things for healthcare workers anytime soon.  |  |  |  |
| 9. NOA – Annual Meeting | Some information out from CMS regarding the NOA- Medicare updates by NGS. Look at putting resources together for new agencies or small agencies, asking smaller agencies what they need, returning back to fireside chat type thing at the annual meeting.  |  |  |  |
| 10. Hospital at Home | Only a few agencies doing hospital at home.  |  |  |  |
| 11. Wrap-Up / Other Business | * Oasis E has been postponed until 1 year after they end the National Health Emergency which is set to expire July 2021.
* OT can open episodes of care; however, they still need to have a skilled service included, unsure if this will continue after the PHE.
* Medical Marijuana-Not on med list but noted in the chart.
* Opioid management-would be protocol when setting up the meds. Some are counting for provider so she can renew prescriptions.
* Assisted Living rules and regulations- Shouldn’t affect Medicare Certified Agencies that do not have Comp with ALF’s. Eviction process could affect us as they work through the eviction process.
* MA reform bill, question if increase SN payment.
 | Sara will try to find what she found and pass along.  |  |  |
| 12. Adjournment | Note taker for next meeting: Paula Berger |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: TBD or September 28th  |