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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS Workgroup  Meeting Minutes & Agenda  Date: 5/25/2022 1:00 – 2:30pm | | | | |
| *Committee Members:*  Jennifer Stark, Chair  Vickie Brand, Vice Chair  Kristy Husen, Board Liaison  Brianna Lindell  Angela Aanenson  Joan Berger  Paula Berger  Rachel Eastwood  KC Ferk  Kimberly Fleischfresser  Lisa Hanowski  Barb Jezorski  Margaret Krull  Rebekah Mattocks  Leo Monterola | | | | |
| Others Present: | | | | |
| Staff Present: | | | | |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | Minutes approved |  |  |  |
| 3. Advocacy Update | Brianna provided update. Will not be able to accomplish as much in this session as they had wished. |  |  |  |
| 4. HHVPB | Links to resources provided on website for members. iQIES has provided benchmark and threshold reports to access. When comparing top 10% of agencies, MN as a whole is below the average score on most measures. OASIS E will be released 1/2023 as well, will be challenging for agencies to prepare. Potentially reach out to associates in states that have already implemented VBP for strategies. Round table this fall for CAHPS best practices. Consider article for informer highlighting how MN is low on scores. Consider helping to promote MHCA events on VBP. | * Invite Melissa to next meeting to discuss marketing strategy for MHCA VBP events. | * Brianna |  |
| 5. COVID/PHE | Current PHE set to expire in July, possibility of extension. Team to review list of waivers to create resource on what will be discontinued once PHE ends and what will be made permanent. Will table until July meeting due to waiver continuing. |  |  |  |
| 6. NP Collaboration | Upon review of regulation, appears that MN providers will be in compliance without additional documentation of collaboration due to practice act allowing them to practice independently. | * Reach out to NAHC for further clarification before sharing with membership | * Brianna |  |
| 7. No Surprise Billing Act | <https://report.nahc.org/hhs-issues-clarity-on-the-application-of-the-no-surprise-billing-requirements/>  No clear guidance on whether this applies to home health or hospice care. Appears to be directed to hospital and clinic billing. CentraCare has process where if they receive a referral for client with out of network insurance, they connect to financial advisor if client chooses to receive services from them. Home Health does need to consider “good faith estimate” for if expenses exceed original service plan. | * continue to monitor and share updates as available | * Team |  |
| 8. Oasis E | Draft manual was released. Members are watching webinars as they are released. OASIS Answers will be in MN this fall in Bloomington. Most members waiting until fall/winter to educate field clinicians. Discussion about OASIS review practices and holding staff accountable. Many vendors have reports that can be used for staff quality scores. | * Share key takeaways from upcoming trainings |  |  |
| 9. Wrap-Up | Discussion of audits, recent denial due to CTI not stating “I composed”. Discussion of MN surveys still being delayed on their review cycles. |  |  |  |
| 10. Adjournment |  |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: July 27th, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 pm | | | | |
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