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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 7/27/2022 1:00 – 2:30pm |
| *Committee Members:* [ ]  Jennifer Stark, Chair-absent [x]  Vickie Brand, Vice Chair [ ]  Kristy Husen, Board Liaison-absent [x]  Brianna Lindell[ ]  Angela Aanenson-absent [x]  Joan Berger [ ]  Paula Berger absent [x]  Rachel Eastwood- minute taker[x]  KC Ferk [ ]  Kimberly Fleischfresser- absent [ ]  Lisa Hanowski-absent [ ]  Barb Jezorski - absent[ ]  Margaret Krull-absent [x]  Rebekah Mattocks [ ]  Leo Monterola-absent   |
| Others Present:  |
| Staff Present: |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order
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| 1. Approval of Minutes
 | Minutes Approved |  |  |  |
| 1. Advocacy Update
 | Brianna provided update on proposed rule (see below). |  |  |  |
| 1. COVID/PHE
 | Current PHE set to expire on October 14th, 2022. Team to review list of [COVID-19 Blanket Waivers](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf) to create resource on what will be discontinued once PHE ends and what will be made permanent to send through MHCA. Discussed how agencies are implementing the vaccine mandate such as tracking boosters or just for those employees that have compelted their primary series. Member shared experience from recent survey. |  * Table until next scheduled meeting due to waiver continuing.
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| 1. NP Collaboration
 | No change from previous meeting-appears that MN providers will be in compliance without additional documentation of collaboration due to practice act allowing them to practice independently. | * NAHC is following up and will provide further clarification before sharing with membership
 | * Brianna will receive updates from NAHC
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| 1. HH Proposed Rule 2023
 | * [2023 HHPPS Proposed Rule](https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.cms.gov%2fmedicaremedicare%2dfee%2dservice%2dpaymenthomehealthppshome%2dhealth%2dprospective%2dpayment%2dsystem%2dregulations%2fcms%2d1766%2dp&umid=C4695C9F-E39B-6605-9A01-6F90B9F26C14&auth=0b393771eab4df609f0fdff83b2bfe113ffa6277-443fabbc6a431ac1db888f14655349de03fd49a3)
* [CMS proposed rule fact sheet](https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.cms.gov%2fnewsroom%2ffact%2dsheets%2fcy%2d2023%2dhome%2dhealth%2dprospective%2dpayment%2dsystem%2drate%2dupdate%2dand%2dhome%2dinfusion%2dtherapy%2dservices&umid=C4695C9F-E39B-6605-9A01-6F90B9F26C14&auth=0b393771eab4df609f0fdff83b2bfe113ffa6277-07ed87973dbec81d212b083eff7055ba89542da4)
* Shared helpful webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SpSWv54gTCedb3azUWI4eA>
* Discussed dissatisfaction with proposed home health payment cuts. Proposed action for the Team to create a draft Comment Letter with a strong message to CMS on the impact and devastation these cuts would cause to home health agencies. Goal is to generate data on how costs are increasing for our agencies in the last year in areas like: Cost of doing business increasing/salaries are higher, staffing shortages, increased supply costs, admin staff for COVID and regulatory tracking, increase in mileage reimbursement, etc. Brianna would share the draft with Dan to formalize and send.
* Brianna is working with NAHC on a survey that will reflect the impact on the payment decrease on agencies and why costs would be devastating. Team created a similar survey during the meeting today to represent MHCA and Minnesota which Vicki will send to all Team members via e-mail. Plan is to include the survey data in our Comment Letter. Brianna will send the survey to other MHCA Teams.
* Discussed concerns with all the proposed Quality change to the payer policy for OASIS submission. May impact agencies that are not collecting OASIS on all payers. Concerns about how this would impact outcomes.
* Team recommends sharing this advocacy link with employees in your agency: <https://www.mnhomecare.org/page/AdvocacyCenter#/36>
* Will send out more information when house bill is introduced.
 | * Team-please consider completing the survey (linked in e-mail) before August 5th.
* Team-consider participating in a small group to draft the Comment Letter. Doodle poll will be sent.
 | * Brianna to send the survey link to Vickie.
* Vickie send an e-mail with dates/times to meet as a small group the beginning of August to develop a Comment Letter on Proposed Cuts.
 | Comments are due by mid-August-Need Comment letter drafted by the Aug 10th-11th . |
| 1. OASIS-E
 | [OASIS Answers Blueprint for Accuracy dates](https://www.mnhomecare.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1650573&group=) released (Sept 14-15) in Bloomington. Most members waiting until fall/winter to educate field clinicians but are training key leadership now. SimiTree will offer agency education on OASIS E in a 4 part series (1 hour) that can be purchased for training field staff. They will offer the live training: Nov 30, Dec 1, Dec 6, Dec 7. From 10-11am. On-demand training will also be available for purchase per agency. No pricing available at this time. The training will cover: Understanding item guidance and new changes. Quality measures and how E is used in these programs. Brianna will ask if the training could be available earlier as members would like to begin training early November.  | Team-Share key takeaways from upcoming trainings | Brianna-follow up with SimiTree on request for earlier release of OASIS E training. |  |
| 1. [HHVBP](https://www.mnhomecare.org/page/hhvbp)
 | Members trying to get software built for the HHVBP changes. CMS released a sign up link to go over sample reports in iQIES later this month Brianna to send the link. |  | Brianna to send link |  |
| 1. EVV
 | Discussion on the state of Wisconsin not following same rules as Minnesota and could possibly post this information in the informer.  |  |  |  |
| 1. Wrap-Up
 | Brief discussion surrounding if any member trained Physical Therapists in home INR draws in therapy only cases. Member reported success with training.  |  |  |  |
| 1. Adjournment
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| Next Meeting Date & Location: 09/28/22 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm |