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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 02/22/2023 1:00-2:30pm |
| *Committee Members:* [x]  Jennifer Stark, Chair [x]  Barb Jezorski, Vice Chair [x]  Andrea Jung, Board Liaison [x]  Brianna Lindell, Staff[x]  Joan Berger [x]  Paula Berger [x]  Vickie Brand [x]  Rachel Eastwood[x]  KC Ferk [x]  Kimberly Fleischfresser (Kim) [ ]  Jackie Gallagher [x]  Lisa Hanowski[x]  Jessica Kirchoff [ ]  Rebekah Mattocks (Becky) [x]  Ben Panek [x]  Kay Toczek   |
| Others Present:  |
| Staff Present: Kathy Messerli (Orientation) |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order
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| 1. Member Introductions
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| 1. Workgroup Orientation
 | * Committee website:
	+ Member list serve/meeting minutes
	+ Member resources and educational topics
* Workgroup to bring issues and ideas as it relates to Medicare
 |  | Kathy  |  |
| 1. Advocacy Update
 | * Advocacy for 2 working bills related to Home Health reimbursement:
	+ 1. Request increase in base rate for MA services.
	+ 2. Requested increase in reimbursement for underfunded/non-funded including:
		- Care evaluations
		- Care coordination
		- Homemaker services
* Monitoring FMLA/Safe and Sick time- probability it will pass
 |  | Kathy  |  |
| 1. Workgroup Plan & Mtg Dates
 | * Meet virtually every 2 months, on last Wed of month, through 12/27/23.
* Minute taker will be announced at the end of each meeting for the next planed meeting.
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| 1. CMS Medical Reviews
 | * Workgroup discussed if any agency has been audited.
* Several members received RAC audits in the mail.
	+ Discussed plan for raising awareness in the next Informer.
 | * Vickie will create a draft on the topic of RAC audits for the informer and send to the Workgroup to review
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| 1. Compliance Corner / listservs
 | * Listservs are available for multiple groups- anyone can sign up for these.
* No expectation for workgroup members to respond- it is voluntary.
* Brianna oversees compliance corner within the informer and welcomes suggestions from the group.
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| 1. COVID/PHE Updates
 | * PHE ending 5/11/23
* Reference the February Informer which highlights the home health waivers.
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| 1. [HHVBP](https://www.mnhomecare.org/page/hhvbp)
 | * PIPR report available in iQIES
* Workgroup to bring ideas and tips that could help other providers as it relates to VBP.
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| 1. [EVV](https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/evv/) - Electronic Visit Verification
 | * Implementation (Phase 4) to occur end of year 2023, waiting for more direction from DHS.
* More to come in future meetings.
 | Awareness for our workgroup |  |  |
| 1. Wrap-Up
 | * 3 workgroup members volunteered for the NGS provider outreach and education meeting
	+ Will provide recaps of the meeting for this workgroup.
	+ Workgroup to e-mail any recommendations on educational topics that would be helpful for NGS to cover.
* Home Care Survey Changes-MDH removing the onsite exit interview for routine surveys.
	+ Advocacy team requesting workgroup feedback on how this may impact our agencies.
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| 1. Adjournment
 |  | Minute Taker: Rachel |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: 04/26/2023 1:00-2:30 PM Minute Taker will be: Barb |