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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS Workgroup  Meeting Minutes & Agenda  Date: 2/28/24 | | | | |
| *Committee Members:*  Jennifer Stark, Chair  Rachel Eastwood, Vice Chair  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison  Brianna Lindell  Stephanie Andersen  Jill Arvidson  Paula Berger  Vickie Brand  Lisa Hanowski  Jerri Hiniker  Jessica Kirchoff  Kayla Wohlers | | | | |
| Others Present: | | | | |
| Staff Present: | | | | |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order | Jen   * Team introductions |  |  |  |
| 2. Group introduction & Orientation | Kathy   * Primary goals of committee:   + Develop resources for members, be a resource for Medicare issues/questions |  |  |  |
| 3. Advocacy & MHCA Updates | Brianna   * State- new legislative session (non-budget year). Bringing back Care eval bill-raise reimbursement for SOC , RCT, ROC for Medicaid   + MHCA advocacy-Background study change   + [Day at the Capitol](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mnhomecare.org%2fpage%2fDayattheCapitol&c=E,1,FYHok9sqYMtSY6Qdsvj63I-jrpwFgBAGo_IKmF03siSLjRf4ySYVmTEUiCBeOwSwBy_mHAmJDayb8O-EPLSrD-8GItcapqJ0F0-e2uKtkjoYoFcf6Lg,&typo=1), next Wednesday * Federal- MHCA partnered with NAHC for PDGM cut advocacy.   + Preparing for a final rule on direct care compensation (potential release April) * MHCA- member meeting end of March on safety series for all agency staff (meets table top requirements from CMS). March member meeting ([safety exercise, part 1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mnhomecare.org%2fevents%2fEventDetails.aspx%3fid%3d1830431%26group%3d&c=E,1,4-EVAE5zqg8tPzja9q8VL1o-pa1Cx8xM68WdlHPm9biOGbYF9Ttegf2Z20VT-xGjdY4cKSXq_tiCcbAaMHGQ6F3vUzj1HfsJ0c-aqaBO8oGg8sUclA,,&typo=1)) [Safety exercise, part 2](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mnhomecare.org%2fevents%2fEventDetails.aspx%3fid%3d1839299%26group%3d&c=E,1,7cg1gn942PvEiJYyVbDZoDBzKcsDmfAB0i3JnKkMWeIS5fVyaUXCbaO7N6iGqzjC1tCUCEYknY1DpVT2ykVOEcymchb8YUiJVTfduhaG9aqGAGvLgUw,&typo=1)   + New member benefit:[**free** monthly webinar](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mnhomecare.org%2fevents%2fEventDetails.aspx%3fid%3d1830786%26group%3d&c=E,1,AUpWQLIT446TWirXdzXkmv4JWdNWfvoO-fR_x5UzcR2G7O9DjP5NKGEQuNv0QFoRR5nduGoL4YK0Wod3HSa4pt_BxiAP-EUXE3TBBuvQg-Zm2UTolwBHTBQ,&typo=1)   + GG item series in April |  |  |  |
| 4. Open Discussion  -Medical Review  -VBP  -OASIS E1  -NGS HH & Hospice Podcasts  -Infection Control   * time frames for new vs pre-existing infections * Do you include antifungals and antivirals, in addition to antibiotics in surveillance data for infection control * Has anyone had survey tags regarding prophylactic meds for infection, or other infection tags? | * Medical Review- Agencies have had some denials with Humana and UHC (inconsistencies in OASIS based on review of subsequent documents), A Prime West MDCR audit looked at compliance with HHCCN, Non coverage , and HHA supervision * Survey-Discussion on “catch up” routine surveys – some agencies preparing for them to occur in 2 years verses 3 years as a result MDH attempting to get caught up with delays resulting from pandemic. * VBP-HH open door forum- Jan 2024 IPR available; also updated July and October reports due to problems with dates - Updated IPR reports available in iQIES   + How is everyone educating staff? Discussion surrounding challenges with VBP.   + SHP tools and reports   + Education to field staff- short 2-5min videos and/or Q/A   + Transitioning responsibility from compliance departments to front line clinical supervisors   + Individual education/episode management meetings/templates for discussion   + Tracking goals/dashboards * NGS HH and hospice podcasts- These are available not many have taken part, unsure of benefit. * OASIS E 1 draft published with release plan 1/1/25. Manual release unknown. * Infection Control- Discussion around defining infection and care-planning; referenced resources-[APIC-HICPAC Surveillance Definitions for Home Health Care and Home Hospice Infections](http://www.apic.org/Resource_/TinyMceFileManager/Practice_Guidance/HH‐Surv‐Def.pdf); Home Health Systems Inc (Mary McGoldrick) ‘[Home Care Infection Prevention & Control Program](https://homecareandhospice.com/publications/)’ | * Action Item: Bring VBP best practice strategies to the next MDCR workgroup meeting * Action Item: review who will update VBP information on website to reflect the change in certain VBP measures, includes shift to GG items in 2025 |  |  |
| 5. Wrap-Up | Brianna will send additional, follow up questions via email |  |  |  |
| 6. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned 2:30pm |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: April 24, 1pm  Meeting Minutes Taken by: Rachel | | | | |