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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 2/28/24 |
| *Committee Members:* [x]  Jennifer Stark, Chair [x]  Rachel Eastwood, Vice Chair [x]  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison [x]  Brianna Lindell[ ] Stephanie Andersen [x]  Jill Arvidson [x]  Paula Berger [x]  Vickie Brand[ ]  Lisa Hanowski [ ]  Jerri Hiniker [x]  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
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| 2. Group introduction & Orientation | Kathy * Primary goals of committee:
	+ Develop resources for members, be a resource for Medicare issues/questions
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| 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
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| 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%E2%80%90Surv%E2%80%90Def.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
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| 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 |