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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS Workgroup  Meeting Minutes & Agenda  Date: 4/24/24 | | | | |
| *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 | Jenn |  |  |  |
| 2. Advocacy & MHCA Updates | Brianna   * State-Conference Committee time coming. MHCA worked with Senator Hoffman to draft EVV language for nominal funding for a few because no ongoing funding is available. * MDH- clean up bill which means there will be changes to the Bill of Rights. Some small language changes related to AL. * Federal – Medicaid Access Rule, Medicare cuts, VA take backs Rep Phillips will assist with letter writing. | * No effective date proposed for BOR update. Per lobbyist, if no date specified generally effective 8/1. MHCA will monitor status of bill * Brianna shared Medicaid access rule summary via email |  |  |
| 3. VBP Best Practice Strategies | All-Nobody had a tool to share   * Ideas shared include: rehospitalization audit tool, and several tactics to reduce hospitalizations like driveway calls at time of admission, improved screening at intake, EMR alerts, Stop light tools, Call us first… * Improving OASIS education for new hires and long-term staff, especially GG’s * Care planning/care paths, * Improving case management skills |  |  |  |
| 4. Workgroup Project ideas   * Star Ratings * Homebound tip sheet (providers or HC clinicians) * Coding tip sheet (providers) * F2F corroboration tip sheet for clinicians * F2F tip sheet (providers) * Medical necessity chart review tool | The group did not finalize a specific project topic. Most discussion was about creating tools related to reducing hospitalizations. | * Jenn and Brianna will follow up with email. We will vote for top priority. Project topic to be decided and work to begin May/ June in separate mtg. |  |  |
| 5. Open Discussion | * Medical Reviews- Not much happening. Continue to struggle with Humana and Aetna requests. * PEPPER reports – paused. * April OASIS Q&A’s available. * State Operations Manual has been updated. * April Care Compare results posted today. * No word yet on a revised OASIS E-1 manual. * Potential impact of SNF staffing requirements discussed | * Copy of nursing home rule sent to team via email |  |  |
| 6. Wrap-Up | Brianna will send links to the various tools posted in the chat. |  |  |  |
| 7. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned 2:30pm |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: July 10, 2024 via Zoom  Meeting Minutes Taken by Paula | | | | |