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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 12/18/2024 |
| *Committee Members:* [x]  Jennifer Stark, Chair [x]  Rachel Eastwood, Vice Chair [x]  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison [x]  Kathy Messerli[ ]  Stephanie Andersen [x]  Jill Arvidson [x]  Paula Berger [x]  Lisa Hanowski [ ]  Jerri Hiniker [x]  Jessica Kirchoff [ ]  Kayla Wohl |
| Others Present:  |
| Staff Present:  |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order |  |  |  Jen |  |
| 2. Advocacy & MHCA Updates - initial vs comprehensive assess - [EVV grants](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/evv/__;!!KdQUqQVbPkCNUA!PKeon8UTIPKmn88EyxMxOFFgkBNCshP54x7DpPMh6rETk-W-u0bkkZ2eXWgH_wS4x9L8ZODfCx81mgmVIHjV29vi9oc$) available | * Group feedback- most perform initial and comprehensive assessment visit on same day.
* Raise awareness of EVV grant opportunity
* Loan forgiveness grant
	+ Will be in the informer
	+ Raise awareness in home health community
 |  | Kathy |  |
| 3. CY 25 HH Final Rule – new CoP requirements* OASIS E1 – all payers
 | * Case Mix questions
* Public information- How is this being communicated?
	+ Agencies are using websites.
	+ Suggestion to include when info was last updated
* Agencies working on changes to policy and timeframe for review
* When will interpretive guidelines be released? Group to watch for them.
* OASIS Transmissions-
	+ Lack of clarity on when to collect an OASIS on someone that you have not been collecting it on. Katie will forward any response she received from that question to MDH.
* Quality concerns? Will all payers factor in quality outcomes? Need more clarity on this topic.
* Late OASIS transmissions- Rachel will alert team of response from MDH on any threshold learned from late OASIS transmissions.
* Encouragement to join Survey Watch Group Jan 16th
 | * Create a workgroup with CRR team and create a template for membership after Interp Guideline released (Kathy).
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| 4. HH Order Document – flowchart | * Orders document reviewed. 2 changes from group recommended.
* Rachel to send F2F flow chart or tip sheet in draft form.
 | * Rachel will send to Kathy for final revisions and release on the Jan 8th Informer.
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| 5. Beneficiary Notice Updates - NOMNC, DENC, HHCCN | * How can we better prepare for form changes?
	+ Dates of expiration on ABN
* Most agencies are using the Medicare Beneficiary Notice Tip Sheet.
 | * Rachel send updated version to evaluate updating on MHCA website.
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| 6. MAC IVR System change 11/18/24 | * Any concern with Billing Staff not having back up option for eligibility?
	+ No feedback
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| 7. CMS Open Door Forums / NGS POE Advisory Group updates | * Is this valuable to have a member of our team on the meeting? Q&A and e-mail responses can be helpful.
* Advisory Groups- no MHCA member commitment yet.
 | * Add Open Door Forum to meeting minutes as a standard agenda item.
* Track meetings and decide as a group who can attend.
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| 8. Open Discussion | * Do agencies get new Service Agreement’s the first of the year?
	+ Some do for long term payers and some do not
* Telehealth F2F Encounter- Group to keep watching for guidance here
 | * MHCA to blast info out if tele F2F is extended.
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| 9. Wrap-Up |  | *
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| 11. Adjournment |  |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: 2025 Workgroup members will receive invites soon ~ *Happy Holidays!*  |