



**BHA/MA/Beacon Health Options, Inc.
Provider Quality Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Beacon Health Options
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 200
Linthicum, MD 21090
Friday, June 08, 2018
10:00 am to 10:15 am**

In attendance: Sueqethea Jones, Donna Shipp, Jenny Howes, Cynthia Petion, Sheba Jeyachandran, Annie Coble, Elaine Hall, Shanntel Gladney, Christine Branch, Jessica Allen, Shannon Hall, Yoka Browning, Joana Joasil, Bryce Hudak, Vernessa Scurry, Lori Peterson, Karl Steinkraus, Jeffery Lee, Chandra Mcneil-Johnson, Spencer Gear, Jenny Howes, Scotteana Jones

Telephonically: Kristen Carrasco, Monica Kirkpatrick, Supranee Eng, Kathy Kisela, Barrington Page, Sheila Fukui, Paula Nash, Geoffrey Ott, Martin Domack, Sue Kessler, Abiba Wynn, Sonja Moore, Alisha Womack, Anna McGee, Tyrone Fleming, Monique McGovern, Tyra Lorenzo, Leona Bloomfield, Shannon O'Leary, Shereen Cabrera Bentley, Kathleen Curry, Najla Wortham, Nicol Lyon, Gina Moon, Matthew Gibson, Elizabeth Hymel, Letitia Brown, Rose Hayes, Sherry Brehm, Danica Thornton, Jonathan Lacewell, Jennifer Aguglia, Michael Ostrowski, Jeffrey Scott, Joan Sperlein, Rhonda Moreland, Sheryl Neverson, Charles Jay, Michael Oliver, Davy Truong, Mary Brassard, Nicholas Shearin, Guy Reese, Carol Blazer, Maritrese Nash, Carmela George, Oleg Tarkovsky, Abby Appelbaum, Jerica Washington, Mariana Izraelson, Supranee Eng, Shanzet Jones, Amy Park, Anana Albritton, Debbie Galloway, Jennifer Cooper, Regina Morales, Shaney Pendleton, Fran Stouffer, Russell Berger, Oluwarotimi Ikusika, Lavina Thompson Bowling, Aneita Williams, Shanzet Jones, Diane Laguerre.

Topics & Discussion

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved by onsite attendees. Providers that attended via WebEx may submit any edits to: MarylandProviderRelations@beaconhealthoptions.com. Providers may also use this mailbox to submit questions for Provider Council. To have your questions



considered, please submit no later than the Tuesday prior to the council meeting to allow time for research and response.

BHA Updates

- Cynthia Petion, BHA's Deputy Director System Management, is temporary contact for system concerns or issues with PBHS. Kimberly Cuthrell, JD, PhD, is no longer with BHA. Questions may be directed to cynthia.petion@maryland.gov.
- FAQ's on the SUD OMS Discharge Process will be sent out within the next week. Retroactive payment will be allowed. SUD providers must complete the OMS discharge in ProviderConnect in order to receive reimbursement for this service.
- BHA in collaboration with Medicaid will be hosting an ASAM residential 3.1 providers meeting in regards to the transition of services from grants to fee for service effective January 1, 2019. The meeting will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at BHA in the Vocational Rehabilitation Building from 9:30-11:30 space is limited so it is very important to register and rsvp as soon as possible. The address for this meeting is:
Behavioral Health Administration,
Vocational Rehabilitation Building,
Office of Workforce Development and Training Room
55 Wade Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228
- BHA has added additional staff to work on license applications. BHA has made improvements to the efficiency of the variance process. .
- BHA notes that some programs are due for license renewal and reminds providers that all programs are required to renew licenses. Applications should be submitted 60 days before your license is due to expire to ensure timely review. Please submit your questions regarding accreditation and licensing to bha.regulations@maryland.gov

Medicaid

- Medicaid provided an update about J codes. Programs that directly administer buprenorphine or Naltrexone to a patient in the program's office may be reimbursed their out of pocket expense for the drug that they have purchased through contracts and stocked in their office specifically for this purpose. Programs are reminded that they should only be billing Medicaid their actual costs of the drug. The rates for these "J" codes are based on national averages which are updated by CMS on a weekly basis. Medicaid is reviewing the internal process for reviewing and updating J codes. For more information please see the provider alert, located at this link:



<http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/alerts/2018/Buprenorphine-Rate-Update-May-2018.pdf>.

- There were several issues with eMedicaid for Health Home providers with entering services and reviewing claims over the last month. A website upgrade caused the issues which should be resolved effective immediately. Please contact eMedicaid support at mdh.emedicaidmd@maryland.gov if problems persist. For other questions or concerns related to health homes, contact the Behavioral Health Unit at mdh.healthhomes@maryland.gov.

Beacon Health Options

- Governor Hogan approved the budget bill which includes a 3.5% rate increase for BH services for FY 19. As part of this process, the Department is also working on a rate study for BH services. Medicaid will share more information towards the end of this year.
- Beacon will implement the rate increase for BH services which are effective 7/1/2018. A provider alert will be issued to direct providers' attention to the updated fee schedule. That schedule will be live on 7/1/2018 and is available at the same location on Beacon's website as it currently is.

Provider Questions:

- 1. When my providers submit an OMS authorization on the Beacon website, and use the date of admission, the OMS date span for the Authorization will then begin on the next day. Is there a reason why the OMS authorization starts a day later than the date of admission?**

The logic for OMS workflow is that if you see a consumer today the soonest you will see them again would be tomorrow. The authorization starts as today's date for OMS interview plus 1. The authorization for the span will start on the following date.

No further questions from the room or web-ex were received.