

Meeting Minutes
MHHA HME/Infusion Pharmacy Committee
April 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Regular meeting called to order by Allen Hunt.

ATTENDEES: Allen Hunt, Mary Ellen Spradlin, Barry Cargill, Mike Barner, Tanya Belbeck, Michelle Brockie, Tim Havel, Deb Holman, Cory Niederstadt, Pamela Poellmann, Melodie Robinson, Tiffanie Robinson-Steffes, Cindy Thelen, Melissa Tomaszewski, Katrina Walker, Beth Wyatt, Melanie Weld, Amy Hall: BCBSM/Availity.

REVIEW MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes by Deb; second by Mary Ellen. Approved as presented.

REPORTS:

BCBSM:

- **Availity:** Amy Hall was on the call to answer questions. Amy stated that the Availity portal has a link to a document that discusses the current issues or enhancements that the Availity team is addressing. Within the Availity portal, select: Payer Spaces/BCBSM logo/News and Announcements/Provider Portal Change and Status Updates. For now, if you have a problem or wish list request, send your requests to Mary Ellen. She will compile a list of questions/issues and then Barry will send the list on behalf of MHHA. Amy's direct email is AHall1@bsbsm.com. Amy may try to help but we don't want to inundate her with requests. Your feedback is very helpful.
- **Fee Schedule:** There has been no response from BCBSM on fee schedule cuts. Barry will make another meeting request.
- **Out-of-State Payments:** Providers have seen denials on claims for patients with non-Michigan addresses for some time, especially Florida. Mary Ellen reported that if the patient does not have a Michigan address, you cannot bill Michigan Blue Cross. The patient may change their address to Michigan and then claim can be billed to Michigan. Otherwise, even in the case of an emergency, the claim cannot be billed to BCBSM. The out-of-state plan must be billed. This becomes problematic in areas that have closed provider networks.

Education Committee:

- **Annual Conference:** Will be May 3-5, at Grand Traverse Resort. Some excellent speakers have been scheduled. Important legal issues, audits, contracts and more will be discussed. It's your opportunity to ask questions and get important advice. You are strongly urged to have someone from your organization attend.

Legislative – Federal:

- **AAHomecare:** Is working with CMS on many issues, such as the CR Modifier and the Medicare Advantage Plans. Now that the COVID PHE is ending, they are seeking new names and bill numbers for the 75/25 Non-Bid Non-Rural Relief and the 90/10 Non-CBA Relief. Additional sponsors for the new bills are being sought, as well.
- **Legislative Day:** May 9-10 in Washington, DC. Registration cut-off is around April 25th. Let Barry know if you plan to attend.

Legislative – State / Complex Rehab Technology Committee:

- **MHHA Legislative Day:** Was held March 9, at the State Capitol Building. About 45 members participated in this opportunity to speak with lawmakers and discuss issues of concern and priorities for the Medicaid funds that have been appropriated for use in DME.
- **CRT Separate Benefit Recognition:** Barry has spoken with the bipartisan cochairs. The new legislation is in the drafting process and is expected to be reintroduced soon.
- **Other CRT Issues:** At the forefront nationally are the many issues related to working through repair and replace. Securing Medicare coverage for power seat elevation/standing systems used with CRT power wheelchairs is also a top priority.

MI Medicaid:

- Discussed during the Legislative sections above.

Medicare Region B DMEMAC Meeting:

- **PHE End:** Confirm your staff are checking the Medicaid beneficiary benefits and secondary benefits on every order. It will be a tedious process but must be done for both Medicaid and MCOs as well.

- **CR Modifier:** No longer to be used starting May 11. However, there is still no clearly defined process of how to work through the existing patients. Keep monitoring this issue.
- **Dexcom CGM System:** The receiver must be covered and used. Medicare does not cover Dexcom G6 or G7 CGM supplies that are used only with a smartphone or other mobile device.
- **Next Region B Meeting:** The next Region B meeting is scheduled for May 22-23, in Nashville.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be 9:00AM Wednesday, May 10, 2023.