

## Meeting summary for ID/DD Member Call (05/22/2024)

### Quick recap

Debbie discussed updates on federal non-discrimination rules, the reclassification of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act, and upcoming salary increases, along with the budget process and changes to the claim submission system. She also announced personnel changes, the transition to Salesforce for the RMN system, and the re-election of several board members. Lastly, she provided updates on various projects and introduced a draft revision of the Medication Self-Administration Assessment Tool.

### Next steps

- Team members will review the proposed changes to the medication self-administration assessment tool and provide feedback to Debbie.
- Providers will need to review and verify their data in the current restrictive measures notification system to prepare for a potential transition.
- Providers on the waiver side will need to implement the new service for station and D, which is expected to be effective on July 1st.

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#### Federal Non-Discrimination Rules and Overtime Updates

Debbie discussed updates on federal non-discrimination rules under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act and Section 504 of the Disabilities Act, emphasizing the need for compliance and the appointment of a Section 1557 Coordinator for managing processes. She also announced the Department of Justice's proposed rulemaking to reclassify marijuana from a schedule one to a schedule three under the Controlled Substances Act, indicating that medical marijuana could be legally utilized under federal regulations given certain conditions. Lastly, she provided an update on the overtime regulations, noting that the Department of Labor has updated the overtime exemptions for certain employees and that implementation will occur in a phased approach.

#### Salary Increases and Convention Recap

Debbie announced the upcoming salary increases, with the current \$35,000 expected to rise to \$43,888 by July 1 and \$58,000 by January. She advised team members to review employees' salaries and decide whether to increase them or transition them to hourly status, given these new thresholds. Debbie also anticipated potential lawsuits related to these changes and offered to provide resources for those who needed them. Finally, she recapped the previous week's discussion about the convention, highlighting the key presentations by Alan Showter, Steve Bayha, and Clay Widener.

### **Budget Process and Medicaid Updates**

Debbie detailed the budget process, the distinction between waivers and ICFs, and the method for determining their hourly rates. She emphasized the importance of reviewing cost reports for 2023 and 2024 to ensure proper wage classification and alignment with set rates, especially in light of the upcoming professional workforce development add-on for ICFs. Debbie also discussed the upcoming rate increases for waivers and ICFs, potential staff support, and concerns about the Department's interpretation of the Medicaid access rule. Lastly, she shared an update about the Department of Medicaid's plan to replace Mits with new features within the provider network management system starting June 30th.

### **New Features, Training, and Recruitment Process**

Debbie announced the introduction of new features for claim submissions from June 30th, which would be processed through P and M. She highlighted that training would be provided to assist with these changes and encouraged the team to prepare for new roles in the system. Debbie also discussed potential issues with the electronic data interchange system and the importance of communicating any problems to her and Josh. Lastly, she touched on the processing of recruitment amounts and claims through the fiscal intermediary system, expressing a need for more information on how this would work in practice.

### **Project Progress, Revisions, and Updates**

Debbie discussed the progress of various projects including the P. And M. Claim submission, the Mui work group, and the Medication Self-Administration Assessment Tool. Josh reported on the Mui work group's progress and a follow-up meeting was tentatively scheduled. Debbie then introduced a draft revision of the Medication Self-Administration Assessment Tool and provided updates on Lauren's Law and a bill concerning the use of electronic monitoring devices in Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Lastly, she announced personnel changes, the transition of the RMN system to Salesforce, and the re-election of several board members.

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