

Meeting summary for ID/DD Member Call (06/05/2024)

Quick recap

Debbie discussed the transition to a new claims processing functionality, the importance of submitting monthly lcf claims, and the need for providers offering waiver services to complete the 2023 Dsp Compensation Survey. She also addressed the distribution of a recent survey to Designated Officials, actions regarding the unequal distribution of initial certification due dates, and the new approach by the State's Corrective Action plan to ensure compliance with the Hcbs settings role. Lastly, there were discussions about concerns over licensure rules for psychiatric medications, issues with a survey conducted in a home with prn medications, and the need for additional protections for residents in communal living settings.

Next steps

- Debbie will follow up with Jeremiah at Dodd to determine if the proposed camera legislation would require approval from the Human Rights Committee for each resident.
 - Providers should ensure any outstanding adjustments for waiver claims are processed before June 19th, as the Department will not be processing adjustments from June 19th until August.
 - Providers offering waiver services must complete the 2023 DSP Compensation Survey by the June 30th deadline.
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Summary

State Functionality Transition and Deadlines

Debbie discussed the transition of the state from Mits to a new functionality for claims processing and Pnm. She reminded everyone about the deadline for processing outstanding adjustments to claims, which is noon on June 19th, and the anticipated restart of processing adjustments to claims in August. Debbie also stressed the importance of submitting monthly lcf claims at the beginning of the month and resolving any outstanding billings for lcf or waiver nursing claims. Lastly, she emphasized the necessity for all providers who offer waiver services to complete the 2023 Dsp Compensation Survey by the end of June.

Survey Distribution and Certification Updates

Debbie discussed the distribution of a recent survey to the Designated Officials (DOs) and billing staff at Dodd, Ohio, and emphasized the importance of receiving the correct unique survey link for each agency. She also discussed actions taken by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (Dodd) in collaboration with the Department of Health (ODH) regarding the unequal distribution of initial certification (IC) due dates in

2024. Debbie clarified that providers with licensure end dates pushed back to 2025 or 2026 should expect to receive separate communication from ODH regarding their certification due dates. She reassured those affected that even if their licensure review is postponed, they should still expect to receive a certification survey this year.

State's Corrective Action Plan Concerns

Debbie discussed the new approach by the State's Corrective Action plan to ensure compliance with the Hcbs settings role. Instead of targeted reviews at specific locations, providers offering services in multiple regions would now face a full compliance review in each region. This practice, however, raised concerns about increased workload for providers and potential inconsistencies in policy reviews across regions. Debbie mentioned the need to address these issues with leadership and will continue to monitor this situation. She also highlighted concerns about compliance with background checks and personal funds management. The participant, Dan, mentioned having completed the licensure Medicaid Survey in April.

Discrepancies in Psychiatric Medication Licensure Rules

Debbie and Dan discussed concerns over the licensure rules for psychiatric medications, specifically regarding the requirement for contacting psychiatrists before administering medication. They noted that these rules seemed to contradict their state's licensure requirements. Debbie mentioned an ongoing issue with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which had updated their interpretive guidelines in 2018, requiring prior physician contact for prn medication. They were trying to get clarification on whether this was a strict requirement or if notifications to doctors after administration were acceptable. They also discussed a Medicaid survey indicating that medication could be kept on-site but required physician approval for administration.

Gina's Survey, PRN Medications, and Lauren's Law

Debbie and Pete discussed the recent issues raised by Gina regarding a survey conducted in a home with prn medications. They expressed concern over inconsistent treatment in such cases and noted this issue was on their agenda for an upcoming meeting with CMS. Pete then provided an update on Lauren's Law, a bill aimed at extending Esther's Law to include LCF, which faced several revisions with increased scope and concerns about residential facility rights. Despite uncertainties about the bill's future, Pete committed to continued monitoring and reporting.

Communal Living Video Recording Protections Discussed

Debbie, Pete, and Gina discussed the need for additional protections for residents in communal living settings, particularly regarding video recording. They agreed that while legislation mandates the provision of these devices, they would be available upon request from an individual or their guardian. The team debated the complexities of extending their current system to include waivers and whether to provide contact information for guardians of individuals living in the same home. They decided to seek

guidance from a Human Rights Committee and follow up with the department to address any potential issues. The next meeting was scheduled for the following Wednesday.

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