# Meeting summary for ID/DD Member Call (07/17/2024)

## **Quick recap**

Josh discussed the challenges and progress of the transition to Pnm for Ohca's members, including issues with value codes, system timing, and patient liability. He also provided updates on the delay in finalizing the rates for Icfs, the progress of the Ohio ISP project, and proposed changes to the MUI rule. Lastly, the team discussed their plans regarding the upcoming rate increases and the potential impact on annual raises.

## Next steps

• Josh to follow up with Chelsea regarding the correct Medicaid eligibility contact for patient liability issues.

• OHCA members to monitor for updates on ICF rate calculations, expected by the end of July.

• OHCA members to look out for information in future news bytes about the upcoming DSP Recognition event in September.

## Summary

#### **Team Attendance and Updates**

Christy and Josh discussed the attendance of their team members. Debbie and Pete were absent as they were attending an anchor conference in Rhode Island. Josh indicated that he had several updates to provide and was open to addressing any questions or topics not covered during the meeting.

#### **Ohca Members' PNM Transition Challenges Discussed**

Josh discussed the ongoing issues and successes related to the transition to Pnm for Ohca's members, particularly those who are lcf. He highlighted several problems, including issues with value codes, system timing out, and visual discrepancies with units and days. He also noted concerns about patient liability not being deducted and the need for correct banking information entry in Pnm. Despite these challenges, Josh reported that most providers have managed to get paid, and he encouraged members to contact him if they were still experiencing issues. He also mentioned that he didn't have the direct contact for Medicaid eligibility issues but would assist in finding the right contact if needed.

#### Icfs Rates, Waiting List, Medicaid Rule Update

Josh discussed the delay in finalizing the rates for lcfs, stating they were not ready yet but the Department had until the end of the month to calculate them. He mentioned that the Department had been occupied with Pnm issues and had not devoted as much time to rate setting as usual. He also provided an update on the waiting list work group, with the first phase of rules already released and the second phase expected to be released in December 2024, to be effective July 1, 2025. Lastly, he brought up the Medicaid access rule, noting that a Companion Guide to the rule had been released, focusing on the requirements for states to publish rates on their websites, with a compliance date of July 1, 2026.

### **Ohio ISP Project Progress & MUI Rule Updates**

Josh reported on the progress of the Ohio ISP project, indicating that 7 out of 49 ICFs were still to be onboarded, but 42% of plans were in ICFs. The department was said to be encouraging the increase, currently at 42%. Training for ICFs was in development, with potential volunteer opportunities expected in early fall. Two proposed changes to the MUI rule were discussed: shifting the provider completion of the administrative review form to the investigative agent and extending the investigation timeline to 45 days. Lastly, Josh mentioned a bill to protect stable accounts from Medicaid estate recovery after the death of an account holder.

#### **Rate Increases and Annual Raises Discussion**

Josh asked the team about their plans regarding the upcoming rate increases, set to take effect on July 1st. Carol explained that their company typically gives annual raises at the start of the year, which may or may not be adjusted in the next budget cycle. Chelsea added that they had already given raises to certain staff at the beginning of the year and planned to provide additional raises based on the new rates. Josh encouraged the team to share any further thoughts or concerns.

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