

Meeting summary for ID/DD Member Call (11/13/2024)

Quick recap

Josh addressed various issues related to claims and the Provider dashboard, and discussed the upcoming Mui rule. Debbie shared updates about a new feature for the DSP program, upcoming licensure surveys, and a discount code for the Anchor annual convention. Pete provided a political update on the implications of the recent US election results and the potential impact on Medicaid spending.

Next steps

- Providers to check the finalized box for each month in the monthly rate calculator to allow for proper adjustments.
 - Providers to review EVV matching reports in eMBS to address any issues before potential future claim denials.
 - Providers to like and follow the new DSP recruitment Facebook page to help increase its reach and visibility.
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Summary

Josh Hosts Call, Discusses Memo

In the meeting, Josh took over the hosting duties as Pete and Debbie were on the road. He welcomed everyone to the call and mentioned that there wasn't much news to cover. He then discussed a few points from the recent memo, including some claims-related issues. He encouraged everyone to speak up if they had any questions or comments.

Adjustments, Dashboard, and Mui Rule Updates

Josh discussed issues with submitting adjustments for claims with dates of service after July 1, 2023, which should now be resolved. He also reminded the team to check the 'finalized' box in the monthly rate calculator to allow for adjustments below the 3% threshold. Josh clarified that the Provider dashboard, released by the Department of Medicaid, does not currently apply to Dd. Claims, but will be relevant in January 2025. Debbie added that a report in embs can be used to match records for Dd. Waiver claims, even though the dashboard does not apply to them. Lastly, Josh mentioned the upcoming Mui rule, which is expected to be included in the clearance process.

Rule Changes and Overtime Hearing

Josh discussed changes made to the rule regarding accidental and suspicious death and unanticipated hospitalization. The term "accidental and suspicious death" was replaced with "unexplained or unanticipated death" to make it less accusatory. The criteria for unanticipated hospitalization were clarified, requiring a hospitalization of 48

hours or more for certain diagnoses, and a 48-hour readmission for any condition associated with a previous hospitalization. Debbie then discussed a hearing regarding the Department of Labor's overtime rule, expressing optimism that the judge would rule against the Department's rule. She noted that the judge seemed to have detailed questions for the Department's lawyer, particularly around the authority of the Department to set the salary threshold and the relationship between the salary threshold and the minimum wage.

New DSP Program and Updates

Debbie shared updates about a new feature for the DSP program, which includes a media campaign and a website that compiles job listings. She encouraged providers to support the campaign by liking and sharing the Facebook page. Debbie also informed the team about upcoming licensure surveys for ICF providers whose licenses are expiring at the end of 2024. Lastly, she reminded the team about the discount code for the Anchor annual convention. Pete then took over to provide a political update one week after the election.

US Election Results and Medicaid

Pete discussed the implications of the recent US election results. He noted that the Republicans now control both the House and the Senate, albeit with a slim majority. This could make it challenging for the new Speaker to pass legislation, as they would need to rely on Democratic votes. Pete also mentioned that the new administration could potentially repeal or not pursue certain rules, such as the non-compete rule. However, he cautioned that the new administration's stance on Medicaid spending could be a concern, as Republicans are generally not fans of increasing Medicaid spending. He predicted that there could be efforts to restrain Medicaid cost growth at the federal level. Lastly, Pete discussed the state landscape, noting that the Democrats gained slightly in the state legislature elections, but the Republican majorities remained significant.

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