

## Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (05/07/2024)

### Quick recap

pete and Mandy conducted a member call discussing updates on a new Medicaid claims portal, training programs, and communication with the Department of Medicaid regarding changes and submissions. They addressed concerns over the implementation timeline of PDPM for Medicaid and clarified legislative requirements for system changes. The team also discussed survey timing issues, the importance of audience participation, and reminded members about the next meeting on the 21st after the upcoming National Skilled Care Week.

### Next steps

- Pete will clarify the effective date of the new ventilator rule and communicate the decision to the team.
- Pete will follow up with the state regarding the expansion of the issue with exception review results and communicate the findings to the team.
- Pete will prepare and distribute a reminder to the team over the weekend that the next call will not be held due to the convention.

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### Summary

#### Ohca Sniff Member Call Participants Discuss Weather

pete and Mandy welcomed participants to the Ohca sniff member call. Mandy mentioned the weather at her location was pouring rain, while pete said it was sunny with a light breeze at his location. They decided to proceed with the meeting introduction despite the weather differences.

#### Zoom Tutorial and Upcoming Activities Update

Mandy led a tutorial on using Zoom and phone lines for communication, followed by an update from pete, the executive director. pete announced several activities including two upcoming webinars, the launch of a new portal for Medicaid claims, and the organization's continued efforts to enhance their connection methodology. He also encouraged members to participate in upcoming training programs related to this new methodology. Debbie raised a concern about the currency of some training materials and advised members to download the slides closer to the training date.

#### Medicaid Communication and Room Responses

pete addressed concerns about the Department of Medicaid's communication regarding upcoming changes. He expressed confusion over a lack of information and the timing of recent announcements. The team also discussed responses to a previous memo,

focusing on issues related to 'vents' and 'private rooms'. Regarding 'vents', a new draft was produced aligning with team recommendations, but no staffing requirements were introduced. For 'private rooms', the team received a copy of the actual SPA, but further amendments were needed, although details were not provided.

### **Clarifying Approval and Effective Dates**

pete and Debbie discussed a document submitted on April first, with some confusion around the stated approval and effective dates. Debbie clarified that the effective date of a submission can be backdated to the first day of the quarter, which in this case was April first, but it's uncertain if this date or the future approval date will be used for calculating future payments. pete agreed, suggesting that the confusion may stem from a misunderstanding of the approval and effective dates, and proposed to seek clarification on this in their follow-up communication.

### **October Payments and CMS State ODM**

pete discussed the anticipation surrounding the October 1st payments and the need to clarify the State's intent regarding the CMS State ODM. He mentioned that if a decision isn't made by Medicaid before the news bites on Friday, it will be communicated accordingly. He also raised concerns about the increasing strictness regarding exception reviews, originally related to Adls, which might be spreading to other areas. He advised the members to be prepared for potential hardships if they receive an exception review in the coming weeks.

### **PDPM Implementation and Osa Update**

pete clarified that the implementation of Pdpm for Medicaid may not occur until July 1, 2025, at the earliest, and could potentially be delayed until after the June 30, 2026 budget deadline. He also expressed the team's hope for a smoother transition methodology rather than an abrupt switch to Pdpm. Meanwhile, Deanna shared that her consulting company had received a communication suggesting that Osa for Ohio Medicaid would end on October 1, leading to a switch to Pdpm.

### **Department Legislation and Patient Accounts**

Deanna and pete discussed a misconception regarding the structure and legislation of their department. pete clarified that without proper legislation, any changes to the current system would not be possible. Deanna was advised to seek clarification from her company due to the inaccurate information she'd been given. The conversation then shifted to a query about resident trust and the management of their patient accounts. pete raised an issue regarding a facility being cited for not following the procedure of having a non-associated witness for financial management, sparking a discussion on possible solutions for finding a suitable witness.

### **Audience Participation and Survey Timing**

pete and Mandy emphasized the importance of audience participation and addressed potential issues with survey timing, encouraging the team to report any problems.

Mandy raised concerns about the lack of feedback regarding disrupted surveys and pete appreciated her input, stressing the need for open communication. The team also discussed the upcoming convention and the absence of a call due to busy schedules and the National Skilled Care Week. The conversation ended with a reminder that the next meeting would be on the 21st.

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