



Quality Assurance Task Force

Notes: May 5, 2017

Update: Training of HEDIS measure coding and best practices at MRHA and other partner association conferences

The MRHA held its first HEDIS training at its Rural Health Clinic Conference on April 7, 2017 to a breakout crowd of approximately 50 healthcare professionals. For some, it was the first time they learned of HEDIS. An additional training will take place at the Mississippi Health Information Management Association conference in June.

Ryan Kelly will send the group a listing of the ACOs currently practicing in Mississippi.

Overcoding of ER Visits

It was discussed that an overcoding of ER visits is taking place, resulting in higher than needed levels of care being coded. This is resulting in claims denials.

After Hours Care in Clinics

Further discussion took place regarding the need for clinic hours after 5 p.m. It was added that enhanced incentives are in place for after-hours care, and discussion targeted the identification of pockets of need that can be identified for particular work in extending clinic hours to offset ER visits. Magnolia and UHC reps will investigate those pockets and the MRHA will work with local clinics to see if extended hours can be held.

It was shared that Baptist – Union County saw a 15% drop in ER usage due to extended after hours care. This example, if true around the state, would warrant RHCs to extend hours to treat primary care in later hours and reduce ER visits and overall system cost.

After hours codes: 99050 and 99051



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More Medicaid Policy Flexibility in AHCA?

Discussion took place regarding the House of Representatives recent passage of the American Health Care Act. Concern centered around Medicaid block granting. Ryan Kelly shared the MRHA legislative outreach plan for working with Sens. Cochran and Wicker on language.

Continued discussion on MRHA quality assurance staff member

The MRHA would like to hire a staff member, part or full time, to work with RHCs on quality assurance. Funding is needed.

Status update on Medicaid RFP

Discussion took place regarding the current status of the RFP submission and Medicaid review. A decision on the successful recipients will take place on June 12, 2017.

Scope of Service Changes

It was discussed that MS Medicaid is handling a number of scope of service changes for clinics in Mississippi. The proper mechanism of this may be a valid topic for an upcoming workshop or conference.

MRHA member issues

All reported issues appear to be addressed at the time of this meeting. All issues have had a very timely response, and the MRHA appreciates Magnolia, UHC, and MS Medicaid for their assistance.

Next Meeting

Friday, June 2, 2017