

2020.09.02 - TF. Medicaid Subcomm. Mtg. Minutes

Present: Lauren Young, Paul Cucuzzella, Cheryl Maxwell, Sam McClure, Floyd Hartley, Stacey Jefferson, May-Lis Manley, Stephanie Clapper, Ande Kolp, Alle McNorton, Leni Preston, Randi Ames

Deadlines:

- 09/10/2020 Provide TF Broad/general overview of issues subcommittee will be working on. TF provided template, Lauren Young will work on first draft and share w/ group for edits/additions.
- 11/12/2020: Final recommendations to TF, Committee will need recommendations a few days earlier to process

Big Bucket Ideas:

- I. Access & Barriers (May-Lis Manley, Floyd Hartley, Alle McNorton, Stacey Jefferson (?), Stephanie Klapper)
 - a. Lack of coordination with other agencies, e.g. UI and MHBE
 - b. Disparate impact in particular communities
 - c. Delay in appeals and with requests for services
 - d. Community home health services and state waiver services should be offered to people who qualify to allow them to avoid institutionalization and high risks within nursing or congregate care facilities; provides cost savings but now a long waiting list. Lack of coordination for people on waitlist to get information and to access services to stem flow from hospital to nursing facility
 - e. Language barriers, accessibility, plain language issues with MDH website; communications and health care literacy
- II. Health Equity (Sam McClure & Cheryl Maxwell, Ande Kolp)
 - a. Telehealth & audio services are effective and have helped with increased demand for services and providing services in-home. These modifications in service should continue
 - b. Expand services to ensure equity and access
 - i. provide technology (e.g. internet access, communications devices)
 - ii. contact tracing, testing, coverage, esp. for populations most impacted and in communities or facilities with great risks or rates of infections
 - c. Continue modifications made to increase access or services during the pandemic e.g. waiver of co-pays, more time for verifications

Follow-Up/Additional Items:

- Stephanie Clapper will reach out to Ashley Black regarding UI/MHBE coordination
- Lauren Young will send out 50 state survey on Medicaid waivers/expansion of services due to the pandemic
- What capabilities does MD THINK have to help in coordination of services
- Lauren Young to share MDH pilot and info on removing barriers to accessing prescriptions
- TF is open to legislative action/recommendations

Next Meeting: Wed. 09/16/20 at 1 PM

(Subcommittee will meet Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 1 PM)