

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

PCAG Member Attendees	Deborah Wachtel, <i>Ellen Watson</i> , Fay Homan, Kate McIntosh, Leo Kline, Paul Reiss, Robert Penney, Tim Tanner, <i>Toby Sadkin</i> , <i>Valerie Rooney</i>
GMCB Attendees	Susan Barrett, Robin Lunge, Michele Lawrence
Other Attendees	Kristina Choquette, Mike Gagnon
*italics denote phone participation	

1. Welcome: GMCB updates
 - a. Discussion: Susan outlined her testimony to Senate Health and Welfare re: prior authorization on both 3/31 and 4/14. The group was provided testimony from other interested parties and concluded that they would like to invite BCBS to an upcoming meeting to discuss prior authorization from a payer perspective. Robin gave an overview of the legislative process and necessary next steps. Michele noted that the agenda changed from what was originally sent out to the group as Dr. Fine was unable to attend. Additionally, she reminded the group that they are subject to Open Meeting Law – as such, all agendas and notes, as well as group membership, are posted to the GMCB website. There was a brief discussion regarding the NCQA medical home standards following two April conference calls with NCQA to describe efforts to streamline the standards. Members agreed that the Blueprint PCMH program needs to be better funded and that there should be an effort to move to outcome-based standards. The CPC Plus program does not require the same level of stringent standards but does require attestation. NCQA recognition is required by Blueprint; Robin confirmed that NCQA is not required by statute. Dr. Reiss attended both conference calls with NCQA. He said that the VCO Primary Care Committee plans to submit a letter/resolution to DVHA regarding the NCQA standards. If PCAG members agree with the VCO communication, the PCAG group can submit it with a cover letter explaining their support.
 - b. **Action Items:**
 - i. GMCB to send link to current Bill (H.342)
 - ii. GMCB to inquire about opening a Bill File
 - iii. PCAG members to confirm affiliation on GMCB website
 - iv. Dr. Reiss to send draft VCO communication to PCAG members

2. Developing a uniform hospital discharge summary for use across the State
 - a. Discussion: Kristina Choquette and Mike Gagnon of VITL presented on current user interfaces and the potential to use VITL/VITL Access as a platform to develop a uniform hospital discharge summary. Group had lengthy discussion of ideas and/or suggestions for what should be included. VITL provided helpful insight from previous experience in NY and will continue to serve as a resource for the group.
 - b. **Action Items:**
 - i. VITL to send HL7 standards to group
 - ii. PCAG to send edits to Dr. Tanner, including suggestions for formatting/form development
 - iii. GMCB to invite VMS and VAHHS to next meeting to review and provide input on discharge summary draft

3. Creating opportunities to reduce requirements for primary care professionals to provide prior authorization for their patients to receive radiology, medication, and specialty services
 - a. Discussion: brief conversation regarding PA testimony as mentioned above. Dr. McIntosh noted that it would be helpful to have both Brian Murphy and Dr. Plavin present as representatives of BCBS. It was noted that representatives from DVHA/Medicaid would be invited at another time. Group will work to draft language and submit to legislature later this summer.
 - b. **Action Items:**
 - i. GMCB to schedule BCBS representatives at a future meeting
 - ii. PCAG to draft language to submit to Senate Health and Welfare by September drafting deadline

4. Adjourn