

Minutes Payment Implementation Workgroup  
February 23, 2011, 8:00 AM  
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Attendees

Name	Organization
Lisa Dulsky-Watkins	Blueprint
Jenney Samuelson	Blueprint
Randy Messier	Fletcher Allen Health Care
Laural Ruggles	Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
Laura Hubbell	Central Vermont Hospital
Sarah Narkewitz	Rutland Regional Medical Center
Pam Biron	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Scott Frey	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Chrissie Racicot	HP
Kevin Ciechon	CIGNA
Michele Corey	CIGNA
Carolyn Anderson	DVHA

- Reviewed minutes and payment methodology document

Q. Who at Vermont Medicaid should receive the invoices?

A. Temporarily send invoices to Lisa Dulsky-Watkins. They need to be approved by DVHA prior to going to HP which will process the payment. Lisa will approve and route to the business office. An automated system is in development.

Q. Has the recognition spread sheet been distributed (reference point 1 on the prior minutes).

A. The spread sheet will be distributed by Lisa 2/23/11 or 2/14/11.

Q. Has the list of workgroup member been distributed?

A. Lisa will send the list of members out. It needs to be updated with the new project managers from around the state who have been invited to join the group.

Q. (Pam/Scott) On the sheet of providers from Rutland there are 2 nurse practitioners who are listed as psychiatric specialists. Should they be included in payment?

A. (Sarah) They specialize in psychiatry and do not have primary care responsibilities. (Lisa) Psychiatry and other behavioral health providers are considered specialists and not included as primary care providers for attribution.

Q. (Pam/Scott) There is also a nurse practitioner identified as women's health. (Lisa) By definition in statute obstetrics and gynecology are considered primary care. (Sarah) Sarah will determine whether the identified provider is providing primary care services beyond specialty gynecology.

Q. (Dana) There is a practice with whom she is working that is pediatrics and OB/GYN.

A. (Lisa) The Expansion, Design and Evaluation Committee will need to provide direction about OB/GYN and how they will be included in the Blueprint.

Q. (Pam) Are there 3 Rutland FQHC practices sites being scored by 4/1/11?

A. (Sarah) Yes, Castleton, Brandon, and Mettowee Valley.

Q. (Sarah) In what format should the provider information be submitted?

A. Jenney will take the Rutland and Central Vermont spreadsheets, review them, and submit a draft form to the group for review 2/23/11 or 2/24/11.

Q. (Pam) The current version of the Blueprint Manual on the website is from November. The new rules were just distributed. Is there an updated version of the manual?

A. No. November is the most recent version. Based on the comments and feedback the manual will be reviewed. It requires Craig Jones's review. He will be out of the office in the coming weeks.

Q. (Lisa) Is the DVHA website accessible?

A. (Group) Yes. It is very accessible. Thank you.

Q. (Sarah) How did each HSA develop their CHT attribution list?

A. (Laural) In St. Johnsbury they never reach exact agreement. The numbers reported are based on the list provided by the insurers.

A. (Randy) In Burlington they were able to validate the list at 80 to 85%. A major issue is when a plan does require a patient to identify a PCP. The providers and insurers were not able to agree at patient level. Eventually they went with a "close enough" list. Do not expect it to be a "perfect science". Patience and tolerance is required on both sides.

A. (Lisa) Hospitals and insurers have developed close working relationships, which have allowed for cordial disagreement and negotiation. It has been a benefit of the process.

Q. (Lisa) Is every 2 weeks working?

A. (Group) Yes.

- Lisa will send a list of meeting dates to Carolyn.

- The next meeting on 3/8/2011 has been rescheduled to 3/10/11 at 3:00 p.m.

