

Medicaid Provider Rate Review Advisory Committee (MPRRAC) Meeting

Presented by: Eloiss Hulsbrink, HCPF
Wilson Pace, MPRRAC Chair

September 20, 2019

Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**

Agenda

Welcome and Attendance	9:00 a.m.
New Member Welcome and Annual Training	9:05 a.m.
Committee Tasks	9:25 a.m.
Rules of Governance	
Chair/Vice Chair Nominations	
Meeting Minutes Approval	
Department Working Recommendations:	
Ambulatory Surgical Centers	9:45 a.m.
Fee-for-Service Behavioral Health	10:05 a.m.
<i>Break</i>	10:25 a.m.
Residential Child Care Facilities & Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	10:35 a.m.
Special Connections	10:55 a.m.
Dialysis & End Stage Renal Disease	11:15 a.m.
Durable Medical Equipment	11:35 a.m.
Next Steps & Announcements	11:55 a.m.

New Member Welcome and Annual Training

Presented by: Eloiss Hulsbrink

MPRRAC Annual Training

Operating within Limits & Understanding Goals

Colorado Revised Statutes state what each board or commission can do and what authority board members have.

<https://leg.colorado.gov/agencies/office-legislative-legal-services/colorado-revised-statutes>

Statute: C.R.S. 25.5-4-401.5

The MPRRAC is established to assist the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in the review of the provider rate reimbursements under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act, per 25.5-4-401.5, C.R.S.

The MPRRAC shall:

- review the schedule for annual review of provider rates established by the Department and recommend any changes to the schedule.
- Review proposals or petitions for provider rates to be reviewed or adjusted received by the advisory committee.
- provide other assistance to the state department as requested by the state department of the JBC.
- review the reports prepared by the state department on its analysis of provider rates and provide comments and feedback to the state department on the reports.
- determine whether any provider rates not scheduled for review during the next calendar year should be reviewed during that calendar year.
- with the state department, conduct public meetings to allow providers, recipients, and other interested parties an opportunity to comment on the report.
- recommend to the state department and JBC any changes to the process of reviewing provider rates, including measures to increase access to the process.

Mission or Role

The purpose of the MPRRAC is established to assist the Department in the review of the provider rate reimbursements under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act.

Rules of Governance

- Article I: Creation
- Article II: Appointment
- Article III: Compensation
- Article IV: Leadership
- Article V: Purpose
- Article VI: Meeting Scheduling and Materials
- Article VII: MPRRAC Member Participation
- Article VIII: Meeting Recording
- Article IX: Meeting Facilitation and Dept Participation
- Article X: Conflicts of Interest
- Article XI: Public Participation and Comment
- Article XII: Decision Making Process
- Article XIII: MPRRAC Representation
- Article XIV: Training
- Article XV: Rules of Governance

Policies



A **conflict of interest** is defined in the Rules of Governance.



Meetings will be **jointly facilitated** by the Department's Rate Review Stakeholder Relations Specialist and the MPRRAC Chair.



Meetings will be **publicly posted** once scheduled and a minimum of one week's notice prior to the MPRRAC meetings.

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Presentations, handouts, minutes, and written stakeholder comment will be publicly posted upon availability.



The Department will share analyses, conclusions, and recommendations with the MPRRAC and stakeholders.



This **Annual Training** will occur annually for all members and as needed for new members.

Managing Conflicts of Interest

An actual or potential conflict of interest is based on a direct economic benefit on a business or other undertaking in which the member has a direct or substantial financial interest. This includes a directorship or an officership in a foundation or other non-profit organization.

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If an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest exists, the MPRRAC member shall disclose the basis of the conflict of interest to the MPRRAC members and other in attendance before the discussion begins or as soon thereafter as the MPRRAC member identified the actual or perceived conflict of interest.

The nature of this committee does produce apparent conflicts of interest as each member represents a group of providers that may benefit from the discussions. We ask that committee members provide input with the interest of all Coloradans in mind, not just the providers being represented.

Identifying & Securing Data to Ensure Appropriate Involvement

To make informed recommendations, MPRRAC members need to regularly review documents shared by the Rate Review Stakeholder Relations Specialist, Eloiss Hulsbrink.

[MPRRAC Webpage](#)

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www.Colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/Medicaid-provider-rate-review-advisory-committee

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CORA and Open Meetings Law

In the spirit of open government, the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requires that most public records be available to the public.

The Open Meetings Law (OML), which is part of the Colorado Sunshine Law, generally requires any state or local governmental body to discuss public business or to take formal action in meetings that are open to the public.

A "meeting" refers to any kind of gathering, convened to discuss public business, whether in person, by telephone, electronically, or by other means of communication. The Colorado Supreme Court has held that "a meeting must be part of the policy-making process to be subject to the requirements of the OML." Therefore, for example, emails can be considered "meetings", but the term does not include chance meetings or social occasions where public business is not the central purpose of the meeting.

For additional information on the OML, please see the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) Frequently Asked Questions on "Open Meetings Law - State Public Body" located under the Legal Topics, "Memos of Interest" link on the OLLS webpage (<https://leg.colorado.gov/agencies/office-of-legislative-legal-services>)

Thank you for your service!

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/committees-boards-and-collaboration



Questions?

Rules of Governance

Committee Discussion

Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations?

Presented by: Wilson Pace, Chair

MPRRAC Meeting Minutes

March 29th and June 28th

2019 Medicaid Provider Rate Review Recommendations

Updated Working Recommendations

Presented by: Eloiss Hulsbrink

Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

- Analysis Results
- Key Considerations
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Department Feedback

ASC Working Recommendations

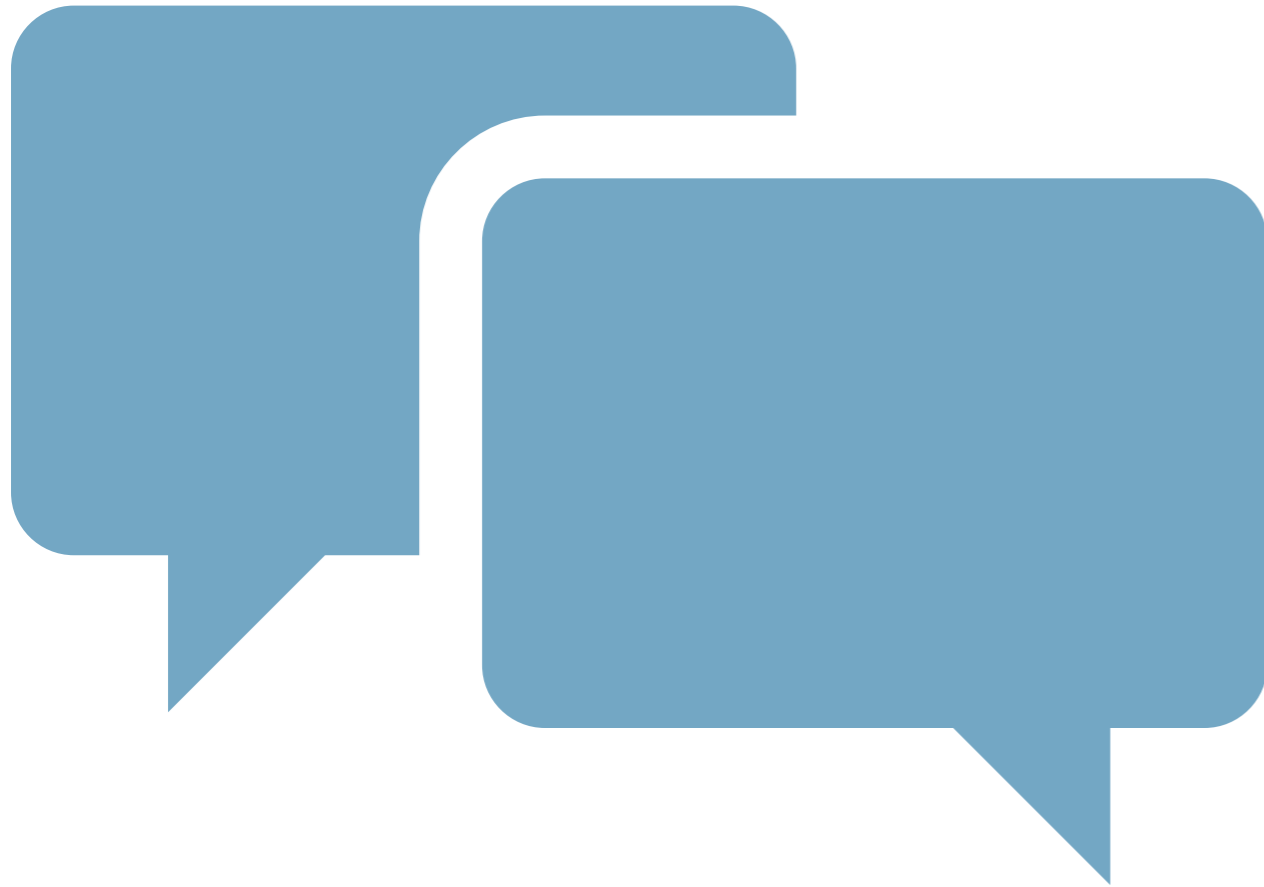
- The Department recommends adding clinically appropriate procedure codes to the list of services that can be reimbursed in an ASC setting.
- The Department recommends eliminating the ASC grouper reimbursement methodology in favor of setting individual procedure rates.
- The Department recommends, once complete:
 - re-evaluating each service rate relative to the benchmark.
 - evaluating individual services that were identified to be below 80% and above 100% of the benchmark to identify groups that would benefit from an immediate rate change.
- The Department recommends evaluating the potential for creating a Multiple Procedure Discounting reimbursement methodology.
- The Department recommends additional evaluation of whether costs can be offset by incentivizing migration of appropriate procedures from the hospital to the ASC setting.



Questions?



Stakeholder Comments



Committee Discussion

FFS Behavioral Health Services

- Analysis Results
- Key Considerations
 - Stakeholder Feedback
 - Department Feedback

Working Recommendation:

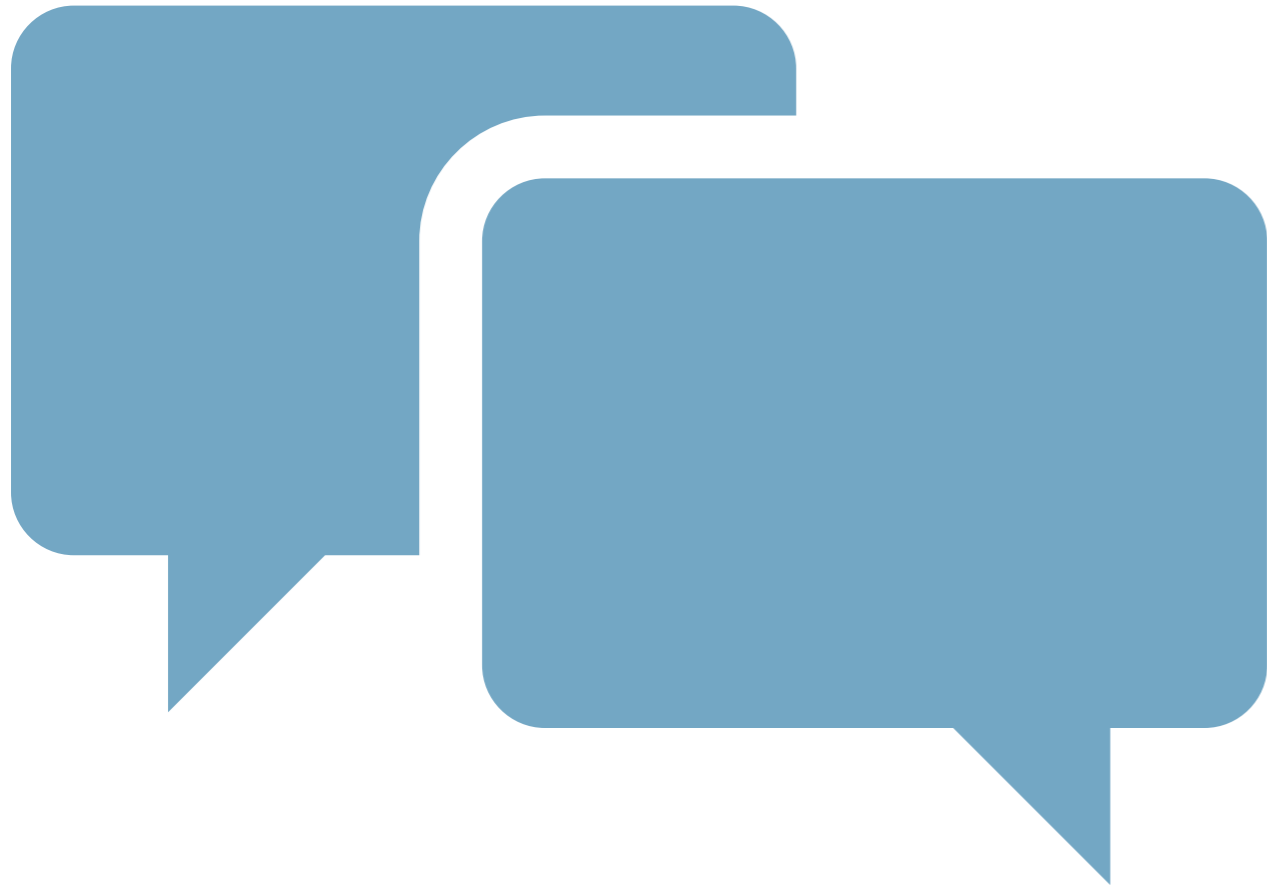
- The Department recommends evaluating individual services that were identified to be below 80% and above 100% of the benchmark to identify services that would benefit from an immediate rate change.



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Committee Discussion

Residential Child Care Facilities (RCCFs)

- Analysis Results
- Key Considerations
 - Stakeholder Feedback
 - Department Feedback

Working Recommendations

The Department recommends:

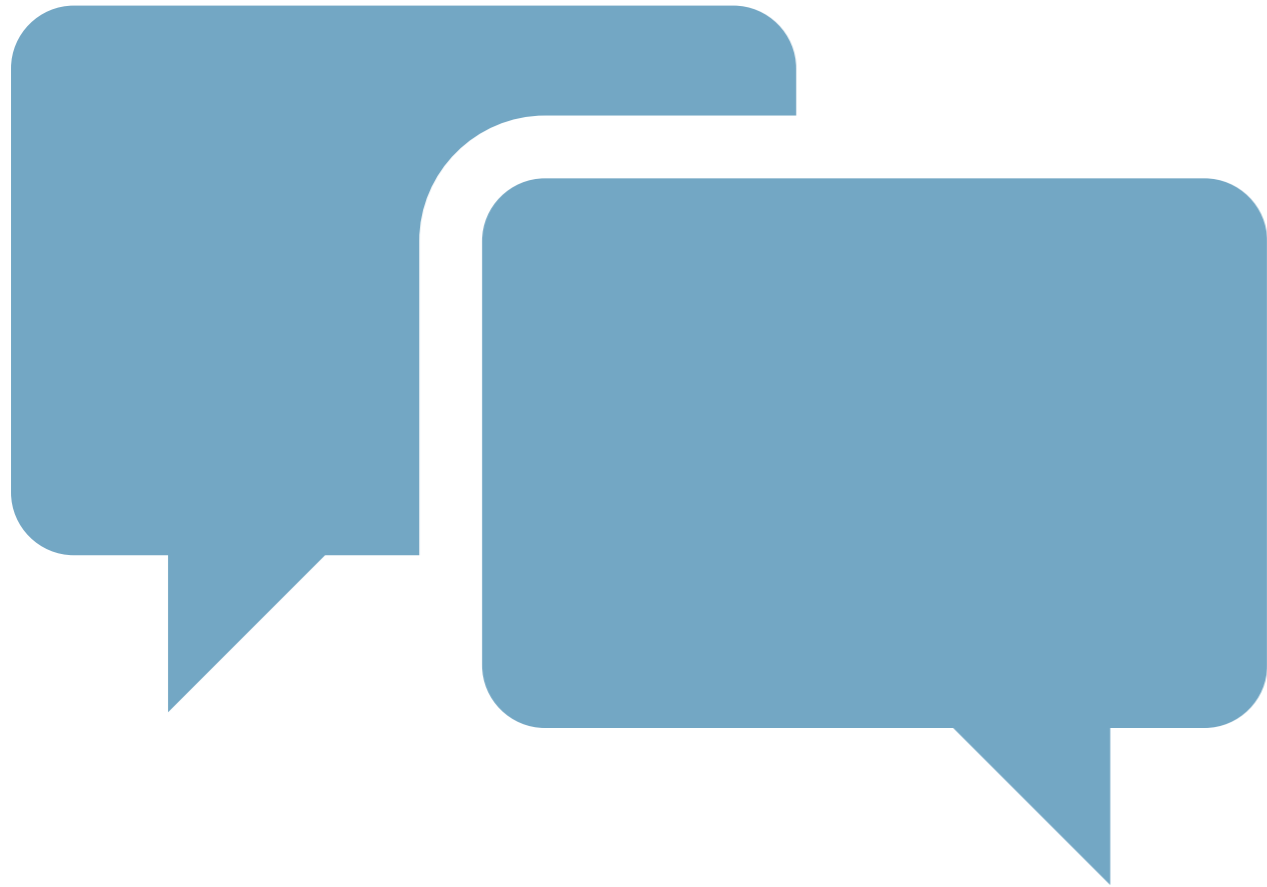
- evaluating a way to differentiate payments for RCCFs from other FFS behavioral health services.
- a joint RCCF and PRTF rate setting project using Department best practices for incentivizing proper use of each facility type.
- evaluating the regulatory requirements regarding co-location of RCCFs and PRTFs on the same campus to better understand factors impacting service delivery.



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Committee Discussion

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

- Analysis Results
- Key Considerations
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Working Recommendations

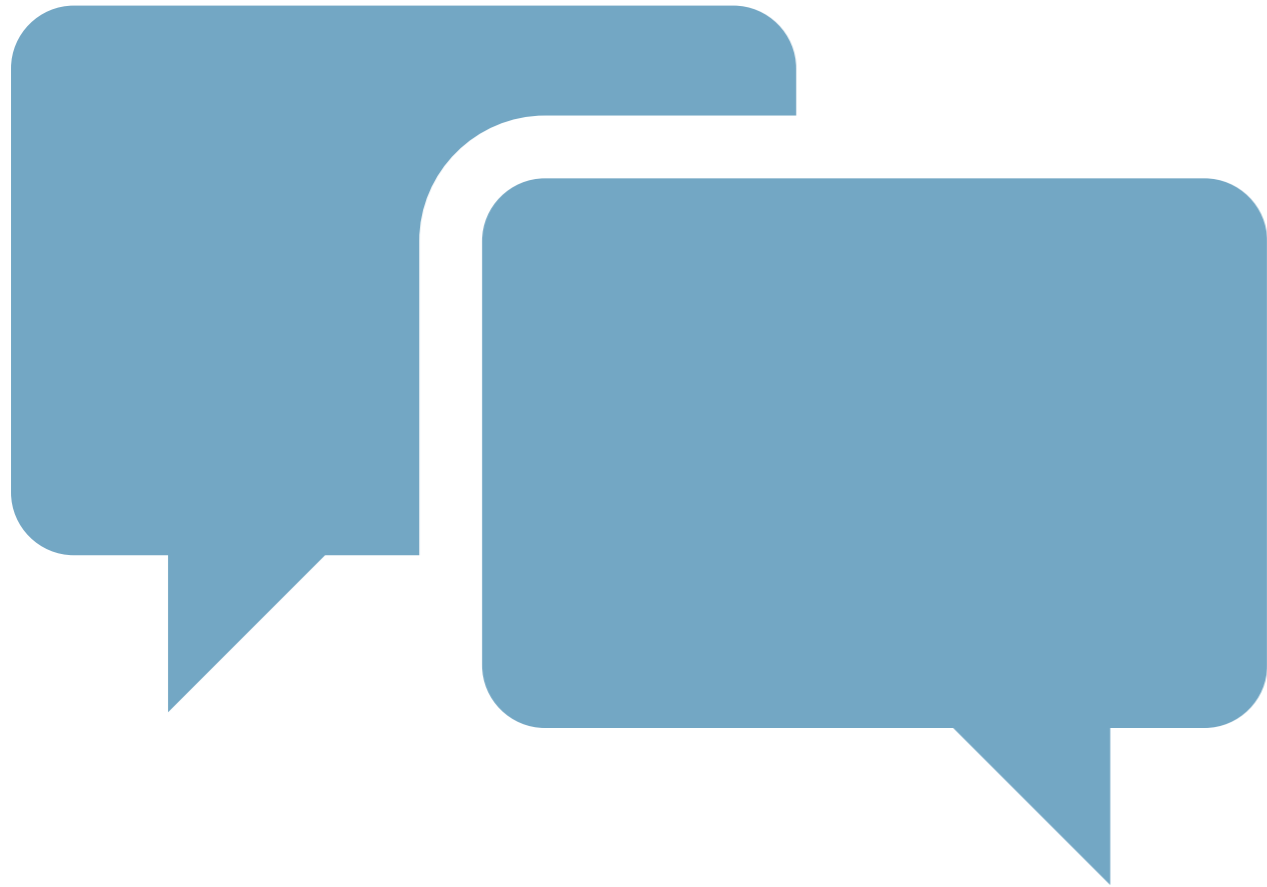
- The Department recommends a joint RCCF and PRTF rate setting project using Department best practices for incentivizing appropriate placement in each facility type.



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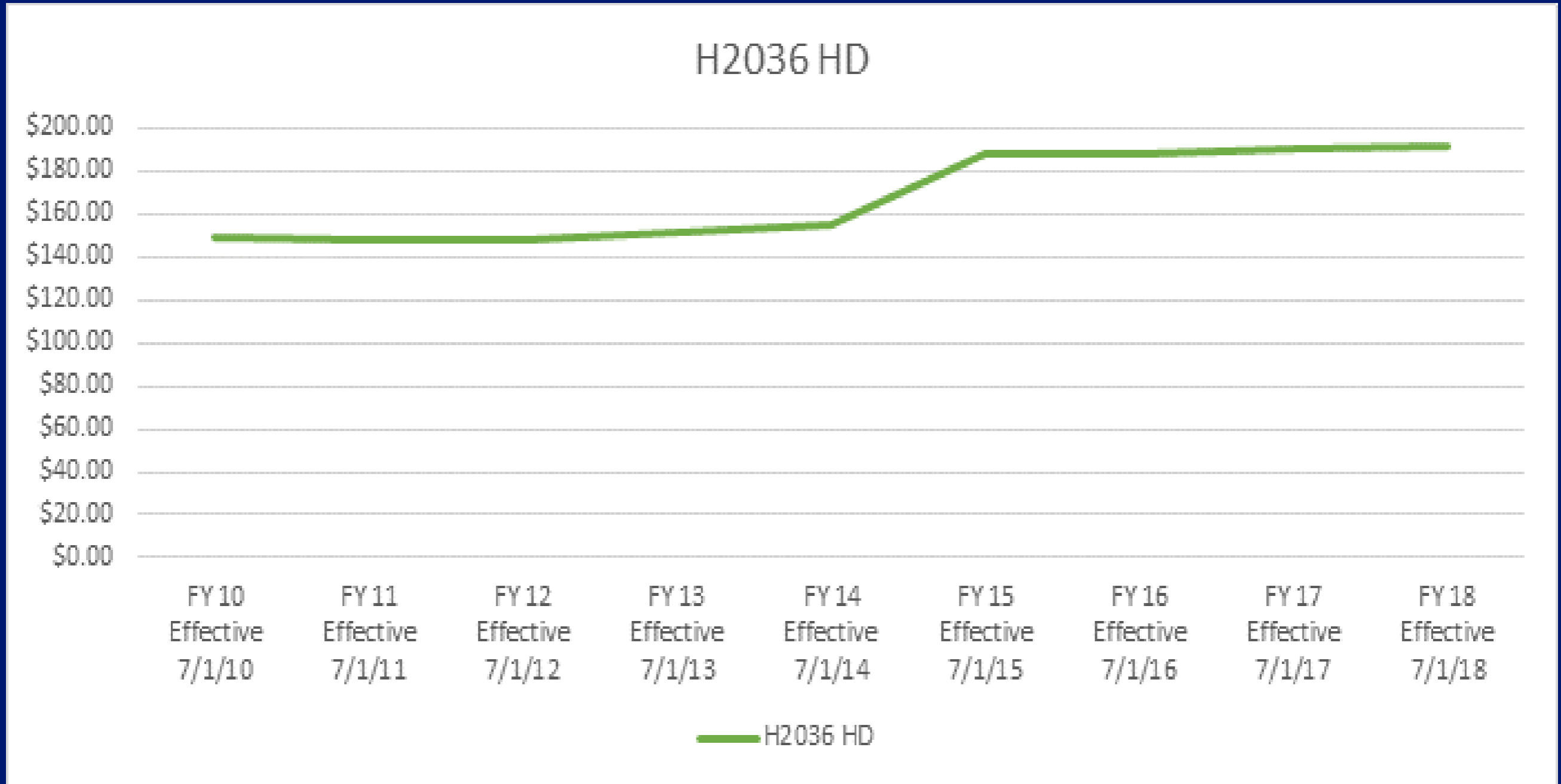


Committee Discussion

Special Connections

- Analysis Results
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 - Department Feedback

Special Connections Historical Per Diem Rate Data



Special Connections Recommendations

Working Recommendations

The Department recommends:

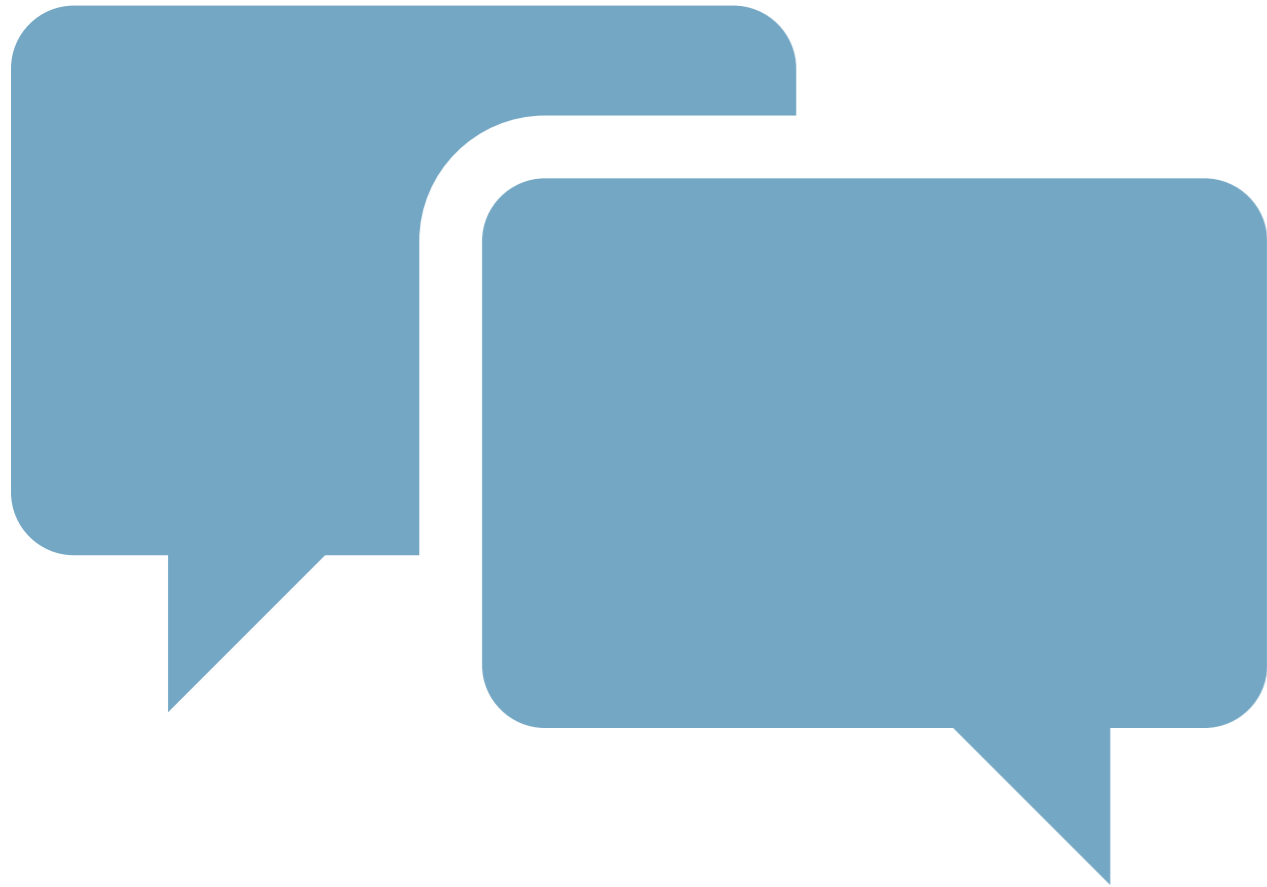
- further evaluating whether initiating a rate setting project would be beneficial.
- conducting a provider survey to augment the lack of data currently available and identify areas for impacting program improvement.
- further aligning with and supporting the Office of Behavioral Health efforts to increase data availability, consistency, and validity.



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Committee Discussion

Dialysis

- Analysis Results
- Key Considerations
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 - Department Feedback

Working Recommendations

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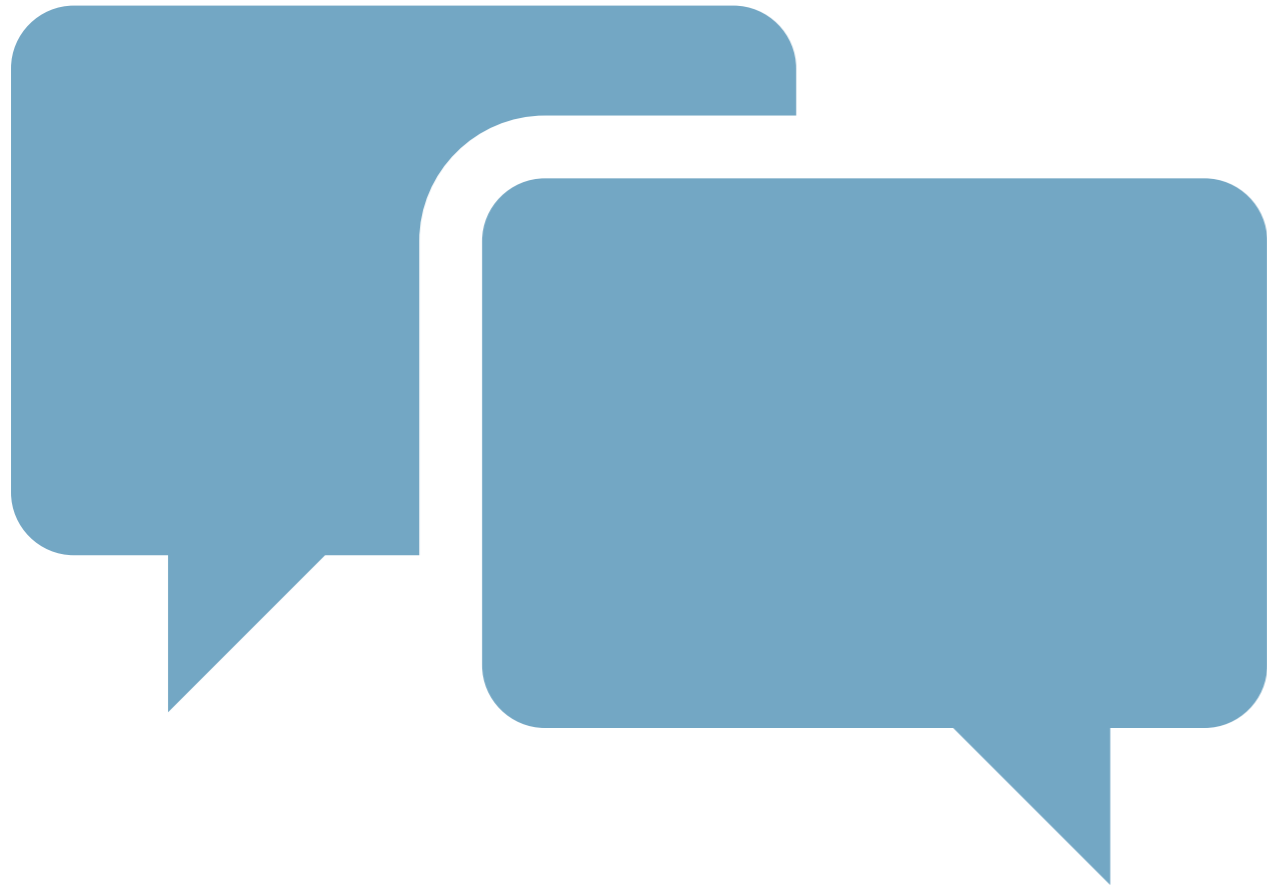
- evaluating factors that impact utilization of in-home dialysis, including Medicare enrollment, and how to improve access to in-home dialysis options where appropriate.
- evaluating the potential to implement changes to reimbursement for in-home Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis and Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis services, to align more closely with the Medicare payment methodology.



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Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

- Analysis Results
- Key Considerations
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 - Department Feedback

Working Recommendations

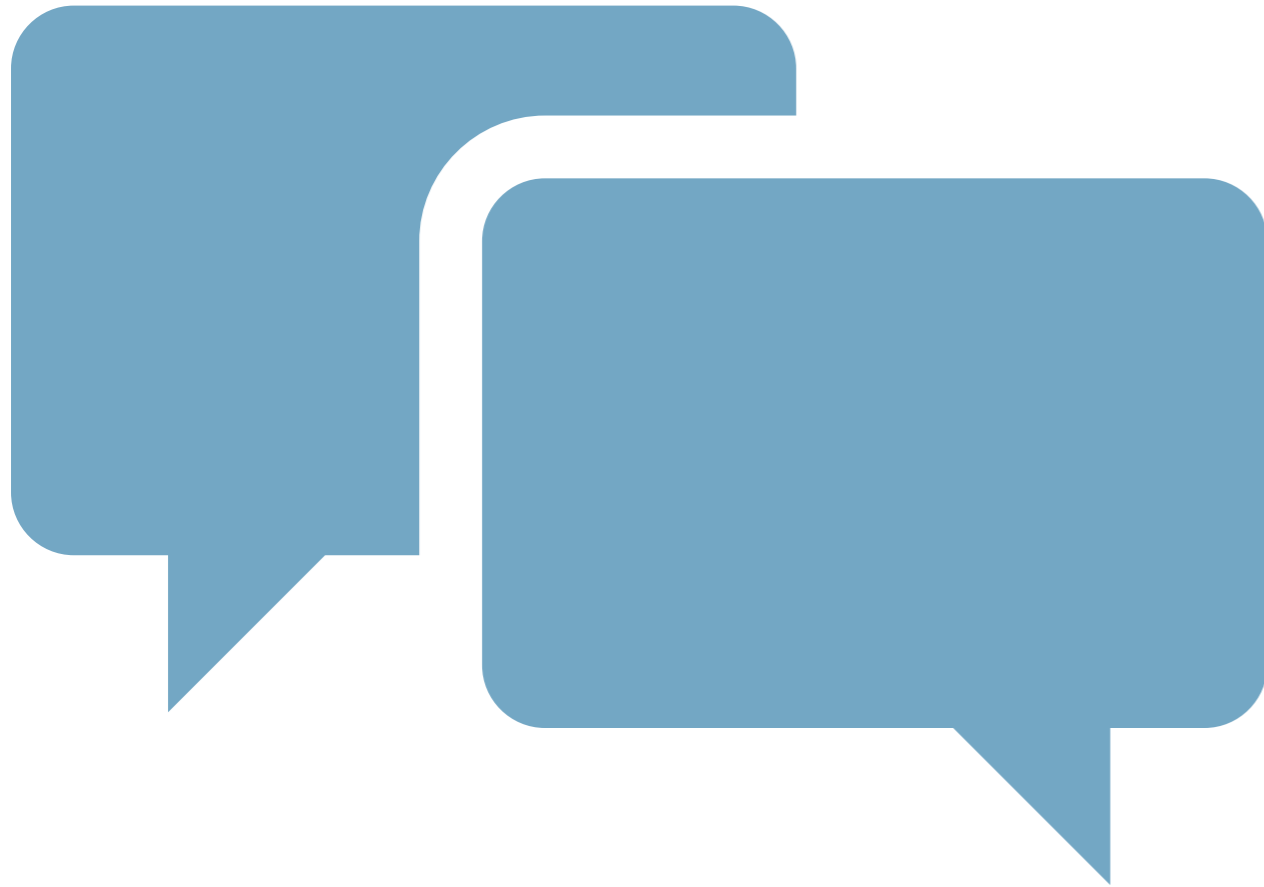
- The Department will continue to evaluate and monitor access to care for services subject to federal Upper Payment Limits (UPLs) and work with state and federal partners to identify solutions to impacted services.
- The Department recommends rebalancing the DME rates not subject to the UPLs and will evaluate individual services that were identified to be below 80% of the benchmark and above 100% of the benchmark to identify services that would benefit from an immediate rate change.



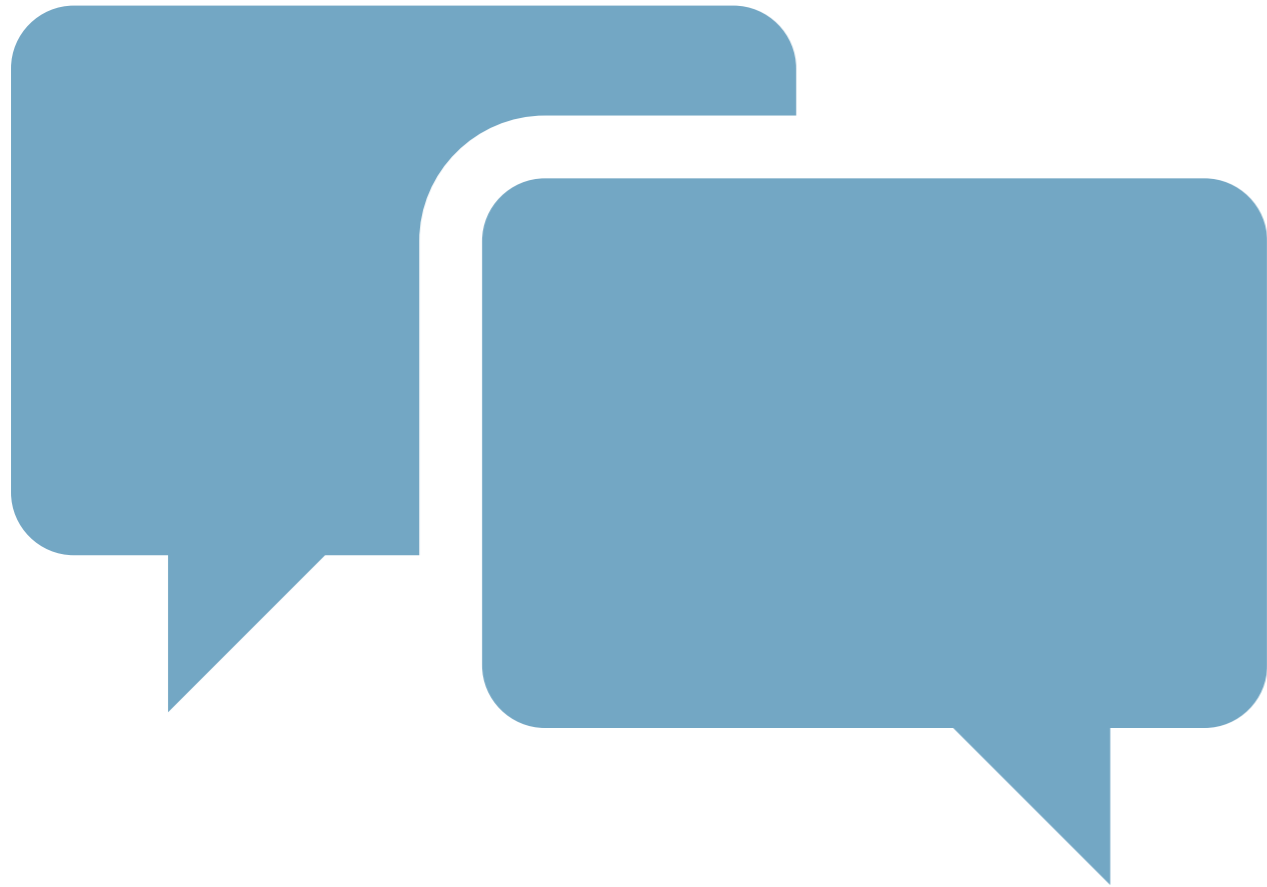
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Committee Discussion



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Next Steps and Announcements

- 2019 Medicaid Provider Rate Review Recommendation Report due November 1, 2019
- Staffing Changes
- Next Meeting: November 15, 2019 from 9:00AM-12:00PM
- Primary Purpose: Introduce Year 5 Services and Discuss Department Updates

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Thank You!