



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Medicaid Provider Rate Review Advisory Committee

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
303 17th Avenue, Denver CO 80203
Conference Room 11ABC

September 20, 2019

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Eloiss Hulsbrink, Rate Review Stakeholder Relations Specialist, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum with eight members participating in-person and eight members participating remotely.

Members Present

David Friedman, Matt VanAuken, Robert Hernandez, Jody Wright, Arthur Schut, Susan Flynn, Wilson Pace, Jeff Perkins.

Members on Webinar/Phone

Tim Dienst, Christie Mecillas, Bill Munson, Tom Rose, Dixie Melton, Murray Willis, Gretchen McGinnis, Tia Saucedo.

3. Annual Training

Eloiss presented the MPRRAC Annual Training. See slides 5-16 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation Slides](#) for more information.

4. Rules of Governance

Committee members discussed conflicts of interest policies, the Open Meetings Law, and member participation. New Rules of Governance were approved by 2/3rds majority vote, with the following updates:

- Article 7 – members will be expected to be present for at least 75% of scheduled MPRRAC meetings.
- Article 11(F) – add “additional services not included in the schedule” to the article language.



5. 2019 Medicaid Provider Rate Review Recommendations

Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 23 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

A committee member asked if the list of codes the Department intends to open in ASCs will be made available to the public. Department staff responded that recommendation details included in the Department's budget request is confidential unless approved by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC). Committee discussion also addressed timelines for other ASC recommendations.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's ASC recommendations.

Fee-for-Service (FFS) Behavioral Health Services

Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 27 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

The committee did not have any comments or feedback related to FFS behavioral health services.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's FFS behavioral health services recommendations.

Residential Child Care Facilities (RCCFs)

Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 31 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

Committee discussion centered on the process for further evaluating the regulatory requirements for RCCF and PRTF co-location. The Department clarified that the recommendation addresses the current understanding of RCCF and PRTF providers, but that the Department needs a better understanding of the regulations in statute before potential statutory changes are recommended.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's RCCF recommendations.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 35 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.



Committee discussion centered on the nationwide initiative to keep utilization as low as possible for residential treatments.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's PRTF recommendations.

Special Connections Program Services

Department historical rates data and recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 40-41 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

Committee discussion centered around new legislation that has recently passed that will affect Special Connections Program services.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's Special Connections Program services recommendations.

Dialysis and End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Treatment Services

Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 45 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

Committee discussion centered around patients' eligibility for Medicare after 90 days of facility-based treatment or the first day of in-home dialysis.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's dialysis and ESRD treatment services recommendations.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 49 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

Doug Coleman, President of the Colorado Association for Medical Equipment Services (CAMES), made public comments to the committee, stating that DME providers are struggling due to the implementation of UPLs, especially in rural areas, such as Steamboat Springs.

Committee discussion centered on how to address the service component of DME repairs.

The committee voted unanimously to support the Department's DME recommendations. The committee also suggested adding a third recommendation to address the service component of DME.



6. Next Steps and Announcements

Updates were shared with the committee, including important staffing changes and upcoming meeting dates. Department recommendations were shared with the committee. See slide 54 in the [September MPRRAC Presentation](#) for more information.

7. Meeting Adjourned

