



CHASE

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and
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Minutes

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Via Webinar

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Tuesday, June 23, 2020; 3:00 P.M.

- Members present (on the phone and webinar): Shepard Nevel, Allison Neswood, Bob Morasko, Dr. Claire Reed, Dan Reiber, George Lyford, Janie Wade, Dr. Kimberley Jackson, Matt Colussi, Peg Burnette, Ryan Westrom and Scott Lindblom.
- Department Staff present (on the phone or webinar only): Nancy Dolson, Karola Cochran, Riley DeValois, Cassie Geremaia, Austin Wozniak, Dan Pace, Joe Sekiya, Cynthia Miley, Jeff Wittreich, and Gina DeCrescentis.
- 38 people attended the webinar.

1. Welcome and Approve Minutes from May 26, 2020 Meeting

- Chair Shepard Nevel, 3:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.
- Welcome - The Chair acknowledged all his peers on the board, thanking them for their hard work and full participation.
- Chair Shepard Nevel, 3:06p.m.
Approve minutes from last month's meeting. Burnette moved to approve the minutes, Westrom seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. CHASE 2019-20 Fee and Payment Model Revisions

- Presentation of model revisions, Nancy Dolson, Department staff, 3:15 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.
- Dolson started by saying that this will be an overview of the CHASE Model, and this presentation won't go into too much detail. As a refresher, the revised FY19-20 model goes through September 30, 2020.
- Families First, CARES Act and the enhanced federal match of 6.2% have contributed to the revision. Also, FY20-21 State budget was signed into law on June 22, 2020. Hoping to restart CMS discussions soon regarding the HQIP waiver.
- The fees and payments that the hospitals make returns the money to the state for hospitals and healthcare, in addition to administrative expenditure for 400,000 lives. The fees and payments are a great return on investment, some 276% this year.

- There are \$392.7 Million in net reimbursements for FY19-20. The payment amounts are different in some categories, although the methodology is the same.
- Next steps - Going to the Medical Services Board on July 10, 2020 for an Emergency Rule.
- Board discussion, 3:35 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
- Nevel - Thanks to Nancy for a thorough presentation.
- Dr. Jackson - Rural hospitals are hurting financially, how are they doing now? Can we leverage payments?
- Dolson - The essential access hospitals and rural hospitals received the extra DSH, overall loss is more favorable. They also get discounts on fees.
- Morasko - Salida operations has taken a hit, but the CARES Act has made them whole.
- Westrom - CHA is keeping an eye on rural hospitals and acknowledges that the CARES Act has helped them.
- Burnette - The CHASE Board, the Department and CHA are making sure that the rural hospitals are benefiting under this model.
- Dr. Jackson - Good to hear that the CARES Act is working and that the money is going where it is needed.
- Dr. Reed - On one of the handouts, what do the colors mean?
- Dolson - Red - at the limit, Yellow - nearing the limit.

3. Department Updates

- Hospital Transformation Program (HTP), Nancy Dolson, Department staff, 3:40 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Dolson - Expected reengagement with CMS this summer, with the HTP hopefully being approved by October 1, 2020.
- We have an oversight committee set up to review applications, once they start to come in. It will be a several months process.
- HQIP - Measure Modification - the new measures for 2020 were postponed until FY2021. The HQIP subcommittee has reached a consensus and will make final recommendations to the CHASE Board at the August 25th meeting.
- Nevel - Thanked Nancy and Matt and asked for any additional questions or comments.
- Burnette - Acknowledged hard work and collaboration.
- Dolson echoed with thanks to her staff and everyone's collaboration.
- Morasko - Question about Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals.



- Dolson - There will be a one (1) percent discount (reduction) across all providers next year.

4. Public Comment (by Chat)

Nevel invited public comment, if not by chat, then email Nancy Dolson with any questions or comments. 3:45 p.m. to 3:48 p.m. If no questions on chat, let's go to board action. Please notify board of public comment, either through chat or email.

5. Board Action - Nevel - Let's take up the board action. Move to recommend the FFY 2019-20 CHASE Fee and Payment Model Revisions - Wade so moved to recommend the CHASE Model, Dr. Jackson seconded. Unanimously passed.

- Nevel - thanks again to Nancy. Thanks to Healthcare providers, especially during this pandemic. I acknowledge your hard work.

6. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

7. Next meeting: August 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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