



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Meeting minutes

Virtual attendance only

November 20, 2020

1. Call to Order

Sandra Grossman called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2. Introductions

Introductions were omitted for the interest of time.

3. SUD benefit update

- House bill 18-1136 prompted the Department to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to determine a path to open coverage of residential and inpatient substance use disorder (SUD) services. In October 2019, the Department submitted an 1115 waiver application for coverage of SUD stays in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) and a state plan amendment for coverage in non-IMDs.
- Health First Colorado coverage of SUD services
 - Under ASAM level 2, Intensive Outpatient is currently covered. There is no coverage of partial hospitalization and it will not be covered in the future. CMS requires at least one of those levels to be covered but does not require coverage of both for SUD 1115 waivers.
 - Currently, OBH does not license ASAM levels 1-WM and 2-WM. The Department will not be able to enroll providers unless they begin to license at that level. The Department has listed those levels in the waiver so that they can be covered in the future, if OBH licenses. They will be covered as state plan services in the event that OBH licenses those levels in the future.
 - Payment authority for ALL IMD services (regardless of length of stay) will fall under the 1115 waiver, non-IMD services will fall under state plan authority.
- All details of how services should be billed can be found on the SUD stakeholder website (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/ensuring-full-continuum-sud-benefits>). Coding pages will also be available on the Uniform Service Coding Standards Manual.
- Services will be managed by the Regional Accountable Entity (RAE), similar to other



behavioral health services. A majority of services will be billed to the RAEs. As with other services under the capitation, there will be no co-pays for members.

- Specialist connections: treatment for pregnant and parenting individuals
 - This will now be managed by the RAEs as it was previously billed fee-for-service (FFS) directly to Health First Colorado. Programs will need to contract with at least one RAE to continue to participate.
 - Note: Per HB 19-1193, eligibility to enroll in Special Connections has been extended up to one year postpartum.
- All benefits will be going live on January 1, 2021.
- Benefit policies.
 - Payment will require a SUD primary diagnosis and medical necessity. Medical necessity will be based on ASAM Criteria. RAEs will conduct utilization management and require prior authorization for most services. RAEs will work with providers to determine when re-authorizations are due.
- Step-by-step requirements
 - License with the Office of Behavioral Health.
 - Enroll with Health First Colorado.
 - Providers need to contract with RAEs in order to bill for services.
 - Additionally, it is essential for providers to indicate their bed count in the system. Further information will be provided on this to ensure bed counts are complete and accurate as it will need to include all beds and not solely SUD beds.
- Coding of Services
 - Hospitals will bill revenue codes for 3.7 and 3.7WM services. Coding practices for hospitals are determined by the individual RAE being billed. FFS claims should be coded according to the coding manual instructions which specifies the revenue codes to be billed.
- Q&A
 - The [Provider Manual for Residential and Inpatient Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Services](#) was recommended to review for further information.
 - There were questions asked about RAEs and hospitals still working to finalize contracts.
 - RAEs intend to continue contracting throughout the upcoming year so there is no closure date. If hospitals have stays prior to having the contract complete, then the hospital would need to work with the respective RAE for a single case agreement to be paid for the stay.

4. Closing remarks/Housekeeping

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2021.

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