



MINUTES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Virtual attendance only

November 12, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Melissa Eddleman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Medicaid Statewide Managed Care Rule Revision

Mark Queirolo presented on the Rule. The purpose of this presentation is to allow the public to provide their comments prior to the rule being presented to the Medical Services Board. The presentation included the general approach taken on the rule revision, an overview of the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Phase II and the primary changes made to the rule. The majority of changes made to the rule were to align with existing authorities for managed care which are, 42 CFR Part 438, ACC 1915(b) waiver, Substance Use Disorder Continuum 1115(a) Waiver, C.R.S. 25.5 Article 5 Part 4 and ACC Contracts. The most significant change was the addition of section 8.205.10 Utilization Management.

A discussion occurred.

- The Department is required by federal law to have an External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) audit the Regional Accountable Entity's utilization management (UM) process to ensure UM practices are followed.
- A question was asked if there was room in the UM section, to include some additional accountability measures for all requirements.
 - The primary accountability is the contract with the health plans.
 - Additionally, there's the EQRO requirement for monitoring the UM process and a new reporting requirement for the Department that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

The comment period was open from October 25, 2021 through November 24, 2021.

4. Wrap Up and Housekeeping

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2022.

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