Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA)
Statewide Meetings Notes

September 10, 2020

1. Meeting Overview

The September 10, 2020 Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Statewide Meetings covered the following:

- Introductions

- Project Background

- Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

- Project Overview and Timeline

- Model Development Process

- FAQs

- Discussion Questions and Feedback

The slide deck presented is available on the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) PCBA website: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba.

2. Key Feedback Themes

Model Development Process

- There needs to be a dispute process.

- Data needs to quantifiable and representative.

- The Department should consider a pilot period for the PCBA.

- The Department should communicate what other tools apart from the PCBA will be used for resource allocation.

- Please provide more information on the planned PCBA rollout.

- The date of implementation needs to be negotiable.

Colorado-Specific Considerations

- Travel times to services from rural areas should be considered.

- Service utilization data may not capture need due to difficulties accessing services.

- Low rates limit access to services.

- Lack of providers affects service utilization.

- Resource Coordinator responsiveness needs to improve.

- Ride assistance is hard to use.

- Program Approved Service Agency (PASA) rates are inconsistent.

Drivers of Resource Need

- Individuals utilizing respirators are high need.

- Cultural history should be taken into consideration.

- People with Private Duty Nursing (PDN) needs require significant resources.

- Individuals with behavioral issues (e.g. aggression, inappropriate sexual boundaries, hoarding disorder), across all waivers, require support and need resources.

- Two-person transfers are significant drivers.

- Gastrostomy tube feeding should be considered.

- Intense medical needs drive resource needs (e.g. seizure disorders, jejunostomy tube supports, diabetes management).

- Consider 1-on-1 assistance for at-risk individuals in the community versus at home.

- Legal involvement and probation requirements for Rights Modifications drive resource needs.

- Line of Sight Supervision and no unsupervised time as well as supervision needs in the community should be considered.

- Multiple diagnoses make things exponentially more expensive/higher needs for support.

- Multiple family members receiving services increases need.

- Substance abuse is a driver.

- Homelessness should be considered.

- Executive functioning items should be considered.

- Individuals lacking in natural supports require more resources.

- Significant natural support provided by families should be accounted for.

- Non-verbal autism can drive high need.

- Changing mental health needs (e.g. episodic schizophrenia, bipolar mania/depression) cause intense increases in support needs.

- Sudden loss of a caregiver can cause a spike in need.

Additional Questions

- The Department and Optumas have addressed contextually appropriate questions on the CO PCBA website (https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba).

  o The FAQ includes questions received via the Google Meeting chat.

3. Next Steps

- The next series of Statewide Meetings are scheduled for November 16, 2020. More details about times and how to join the virtual meetings will be posted on https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba.

- Follow up questions or comments can be shared with the Department or Optumas. Department contact: Tasia Sinn, Senior Policy Advisor, Tasia.Sinn@state.co.us