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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Medical Services Board

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

303 East 17th Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203
March 20, 2020

Call to Order

Ms. Moorer called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Roll Call

The Board Coordinator called the roll. There were sufficient members for a quorum with 11 members participating.

A. Members Present

Christy Blakely, Cecile Fraley, Patricia Givens, Simon Hambidge, Bregitta Hughes, Jessica Kuhns, Charolette Lippolis, Amanda Moorer, An Nguyen, Donna Roberts and David Pump.

B. Members Excused

none

C. Staff Present

Tracy Johnson, Medicaid Director; Jennifer Weaver, Attorney General; and Chris Sykes, Board Coordinator

Announcements

Ms. Moorer announced the next Medical Services Board Meeting will be on Friday, April 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. This will be a virtual meeting.

Rules

A. Emergency Adoption Agenda

Document 01, MSB 20-03-17-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Rule concerning Telemedicine, Sections 8.520.4.B, 8.700.1, 8.730.3.B, 8.740.1, 8.750.3.B



Russell Zigler, Operations Division, Raine Henry, Richard Delaney and Alex Koloskus, Benefits Management Division, presented the rule and explained the rule is an emergency to allow for telemedicine to be used during the emergency.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included the duration of emergency rules are 120 days and a second emergency adoption may be required.

Public Testimony – Polly – CCHN – testified in support of the rule and provided a review of FQHC financial support of telemedicine.

Ross – Mountain Valley Health Centers – support the rule, telemedicine in the mountain community is necessary.

Bethany Pray – Colorado Center on Law and Policy – Support the rule and thank the Department for moving rapidly. Implementing telemedicine beyond the emergency is supported.

Dr. Hambidge moved for the emergency adoption of Document 01. Mr. Pump seconded the motion.

The Board voted the emergency adoption of Document 01, 11:0.

Document 02, MSB 20-03-16-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Pharmaceutical Rule Concerning Prescription Tracking Requirements, Section 8.800.11.E.1

Kristina Gould, Pharmacy Office, presented the rule and explained the rule is necessary as a response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Revisions allow for waiving tracking requirements during a Governor declared public health emergency, no more signing needed during a declared emergency.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included confirmation of the 30-day supply limit for medication, not in rule but in policy.

Public Testimony – NA

Ms. Blakely moved for the emergency adoption of Document 02. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion.

The Board voted the emergency adoption of Document 02, 11:0.

B. Closing Motion

Dr. Nguyen moved to close the rules portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hambidge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Medical Services Board is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020 at 303 East 17th Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203.

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