COLORADO
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Adobe Connect Webinar
October 13, 2020

1. Call to Order

Megan Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Joan Eskens, Megan Wilson, Lonnie Johnson, Cassie Scott, Michelle Kohler, Leighanna Konetski, Karl Kohlgraf**,** Glen Pfeifer, Dana Turner

B. Members Excused

Michael Wiley, Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

C. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Tracy Gonzales, Taryn Graf, Vincent Sherry

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

4. Delay in Max Payment Recommendations

- The max payment recommendation is not moving forward to the MSB because of the resulting impacts of Covid.
- As of July 1st, 2020 Medicaid implemented a 1% provider rate decrease as a result of the budget issues throughout the state. CMS approval is pending.

5. Annual Report Data

- The FY2019-20 annual report will go to legislature November 1, 2020
- Unduplicated Senior count – 3,924
- Average amount per senior spent - $941

- Total procedure count – 20,968
- Percentage of total funds spent
  - Area Agencies on Aging - 4%
  - Community Based Organizations/Foundations - 24%
  - Federal Qualified Health Centers/Safety Net Clinics - 45%
  - Health Districts/Local Public Health Agencies - 6%
  - Private Dentists - 14%
  - University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine - 6%
- Additional Annual Report Data discussion
  - Department is seeing an increase in billing as clinics begin to open at full capacity.
  - There were questions regarding treatment plans being more complex due to seniors not being seen during the shutdown. Will treatment costs increase resulting in less seniors being seen?
  - Grantees that are not operating at full capacity are referring seniors to other grantees. Committee has concerns with the access of care that this may cause seniors.
  - The committee members supplied the Department with questions they would like emailed to grantees to gather information on the current operations of clinic.

6. FY2020-21 Funding and Contracts

- The program budget for FY2020-21 was reduced to $3,000.000
- FY2020-21 contracts were computed based on the percentage of the budget grantees were awarded during FY2019-20.

7. Public Comment

- Phyllis Hirschfeld and Colette Kuhfuss would like to know if there are specific legislators or advocates that deserve thanks for helping preserve the Senior Dental Program.

8. Department Actions

- Department will present MSB with the recommendation of adding D1354 to the current fee schedule.
- The Department will email the grantees to gather information on their current operational capacity, referral of patients to other grantees and the impact referrals may have on patients.
- Department will research the public comment request.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 via Adobe Connect Webinar

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