



## COLORADO

Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

Medical Services Board

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

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

#### Call to Order

Ms. Moorer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### Roll Call

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

#### A. Members Present

Amanda Moorer, Cecile Fraley, Patricia Givens, Morgan Honea, Bregitta Hughes, Jessica Kuhns, Christina Mulkey and Vincent Scott.

#### B. Members Excused

An Ngyuen, Simon Hambidge and David Pump

#### 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 held at 303 East 17th Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203 on Friday, October 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

It is the policy of this Board and the Department to remind everyone in attendance that this facility is private property. Please do not block the doors or stand around the edges of the room. Please silence cell phones while in the meeting room.

#### Approval of Minutes

Dr. Givens moved for the approval of the July minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kuhns The minutes were approved, 8:0:.

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## Rules

### A. Final Adoption by Consent Agenda

Document 01, MSB 20-06-05-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning Colorado National Provider Identifier (NPI) Rule, Section 8.126.1

Whitney McOwen, Operations Section, and Alex Weichselbaum, Benefits Management Division, presented the rule and explained

Dr. Givens moved for the final adoption of Document 01. Dr. Fraley seconded the motion.

The Board voted the final adoption of Document 01, 8:0.

### B. Final Adoption Agenda

Document 02, MSB 20-01-07-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Rule concerning Maternity Services Episode Based Payments, Section 8.733

Trevor Abeyta, Rates Division, presented the rule and provided an overview of the program. Stakeholder engagement to strengthen the rule was reviewed. A review of changes made to the rule was provided, including racial disparities addressed in birth.

Board Discussion – NA

Public Testimony – Christina Yebuah – Colorado Center on Law and Policy – Appreciate the work with the Department regarding racial disparity. Appreciate diverse stakeholder group created to work on the program going forward. Demographic data also being reviewed to improve the program.

Ms. Hughes moved for the final adoption of Document 02. Ms. Kuhns seconded the motion.

The Board voted the final adoption of Document 02, 8:0.

### C. Initial Approval Agenda

Document 03, MSB 20-06-17-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning the Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver service description and service provider updates, Section 8.500

Kathleen Homan, Benefits and Services Management, presented the rule and reviewed the program and explained revisions made. The addition of host homes, hours per week instead of units per year and supported community connective care.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included the switch from hours per week instead of per year and that high utilization could deplete the units and case managers and members must communicate to keep an eye on that.

Public Testimony – NA

Ms. Hughes moved for the initial approval of Document 03. Dr. Fraley seconded the motion.

The Board voted the initial approval of Document 03, 8:0.

Document 04, MSB 20-07-06-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Rule concerning Long Term Oxygen Annual Review, Section 8.580.5.C

Russell Zigler, Operations Section, and Richard Delaney, Benefits Management Division, presented the rule and explained the annual review requirement. Certification is every 2 years, but the annual review is mandated by federal rules.

Board Discussion – NA

Public Testimony – NA

Dr. Fraley moved for the initial approval of Document 04. Dr. Givens seconded the motion.

The Board voted the initial approval of Document 04, 8:0.

Document 05, MSB 20-08-19-B, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning Non-Emergent Medical Transportation, Sections 8.014.4.A

Ryan Dwyer, Benefits Management Division, presented the rule and provided an overview of the program. Current rule states a 25 mile radius requirement, need to remove this for rural and frontier members.

Board Discussion – NA

Public Testimony – NA

Ms. Kuhns moved for the initial approval of Document 05. Dr. Givens seconded the motion.

The Board voted the initial approval of Document 05, 8:0.

#### **D. Consent Agenda Discussion**

Ms. Kuhns moved to add Documents 03, 04 & 05 to the Consent Agenda. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion.

The Board voted to add the documents, 8:0.

#### **E. Closing Motion**

Dr. Fraley moved to close the rules portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Givens.

#### **Rule Preview**

Personal Care and Homemaker Services - Erin Thatcher

Case Management Technical Revisions - Michelle Topkoff

## Open Comments

## Department Updates

- Department Updates/Questions – Tracy Johnson, Medicaid Director

### **The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.**

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

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