

Name of Meeting: Pharmacy Liaison Committee

Date of Meeting: October 13, 2015

Length of Meeting: 1:11 PM – 2:30 PM

Location of Meeting: DMAS 13th Floor Board Room

Committee Members Present:

Tim Musselman, Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA)

Rusty Maney, Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores

Richard Grossman for Anne Leigh Kerr, PhRMA

Committee Members not Present:

Bill Hancock, Long Term Care Pharmacy Coalition

Anne Leigh Kerr, PhRMA

Alexander Macaulay, EPIC Pharmacies

DMAS Attendees:

Donna Proffitt, Pharmacy Manager

Rachel Cain, Pharmacist

Keith Hayashi, Pharmacist

Tyrone Wall, Compliance Specialist

Other Attendees:

Sandra Guckian, NACDS

Jenny Phung, VCU

Richard Grossman, Vectre

Kupil Patel, VCU

Abigal Ellis, VCU

Loren Kirk, VPhA

Nicole Pugar, Williams Mullen

Introductions

Donna Proffitt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2014

Ms. Proffitt asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the draft meeting minutes from September 4, 2014. Dr. Musselman noted that the reference to the Virginia Pharmacists Association needed to be made plural (pharmacists not pharmacist). With that correction, the minutes were approved by the Committee.

New Pharmacy Reimbursement Proposal

Ms. Proffitt informed the Committee that the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is submitting a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to CMS and a regulation change package

to the Virginia Regulatory Townhall for a new pharmacy reimbursement methodology. The proposed reimbursement will be the “lesser of” the national average drug acquisition cost (NADAC), wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) or the provider’s usual and customary (U&C) charge plus a \$10.65 professional dispensing fee. A July 1, 2016 implementation date is targeted but that date may change if DMAS does not receive CMS approval for the SPA. Ms. Proffitt asked the Committee if anyone could foresee any issues with the implementation of a reimbursement methodology based on NADAC. The members in attendance did not voice any concerns and were supportive of the new reimbursement methodology.

Pharmacy Benefits Manager RFP for FFS

Ms. Proffitt informed the Committee that CMS is no longer funding Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) replacements for state Medicaid programs. CMS wants states to implement systems that use commercial off the shelf (COTS) packages that are less expensive and less customized for individual Medicaid programs. DMAS will replace the current MMIS with a Medicaid Enterprise System (MES). The MES will consist of numerous interoperable modules that will be responsible for claims processing and information retrieval. Pharmacy services in the new MES will be administered by a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM). Ms. Proffitt asked the Committee for suggestions and recommendations for requirements that DMAS should include in the PBM request for proposal (RFP). The Committee members agreed that DMAS must require the PBM to be transparent in its operations and recommended that the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board, the Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee and the Preferred Drug List (PDL) remain under the control of DMAS. In addition, the members urged DMAS not to allow mail order for pharmacy services.

2016 General Assembly Legislative

The Committee members were asked if there is any legislation being drafted for the 2016 General Assembly Session related to pharmacy. Tim Musselman shared that a definition of specialty drug was going to be introduced as well as legislation related to drug disposal. Ms. Proffitt informed the Committee that DMAS has not submitted any pharmacy related proposals for the 2016 session.

Other Business

Tim Musselman asked how pharmacists can bill DMAS for smoking cessation therapy if DMAS does not enroll pharmacists as providers. Ms. Proffitt confirmed that there is currently not a mechanism in place for a pharmacist to bill Medicaid for smoking cessation therapy. Mr. Musselman volunteered to check with Nebraska about their reimbursement policy for pharmacists and how Nebraska Medicaid pays pharmacists for this service.

Rusty Maney of VACDS requested that DMAS consider reimbursing pharmacists for the administration of the vaccine beyond the dispensing fee of \$3.75. Currently, DMAS allows for influenza vaccines administered to members over the age of 18 to be billed through pharmacy point-of-service. The pharmacy is reimbursed the cost of the vaccine plus a \$3.75 dispensing fee. Ms. Proffitt responded that DMAS will take his suggestion under consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM