

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
SPECIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Barron, Kimberlee Coronado, Wendy Heyn, Patrick Jauquet, Murrene Payton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Bertram, Eden Christman, Amy Elfner, Emily Enockson, Lisa Fusco, Jason Gahan, Benhi Khabeb, Missy Kueht-Becker, Amy Shurte, Jennifer Siderits, Bonnie Siegel

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:** Chelsee Bates, Dan Borchardt, Jane DeGeorge, Emily Klunick, Julie Kunath, Caitlin Lang, Melissa Lipovsek, Courtney McIntosh, Katie Miller, Eryn Petersen, Diane Scheerer, Amanda Trieloff, Casey Vullings, Erin Zellmer, Leslie Zersen

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Katie Bathie, Mindy Brayman, Colleen Brown, Natalie Furness, Patrice Kwiatkowski, Sharon Manlick, Ann Marie Mason, Mike Potter, Jen Schultz, Lisa Sokolovic, Saira Tahir, Shelley Tuozzo, Samantha Weissenborn,

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Members introduced themselves and their roles (parent and professional).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

A motion was made by Sara Barron, seconded by Kimberly Coronado to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting.

**HEALTHCHECK OTHER SERVICES (HCOS) (Brad Holman)**

Brad Holman from Family Voices of Wisconsin gave an overview on how to utilize HealthCheck Other Services (HCOS). HCOS is a source of Medicaid funding for children under age 21 who already have Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus coverage. HCOS may cover medically necessary supplies and services not typically covered by Medicaid. The Federal term for HealthCheck Other Services is Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT).

The purposes of HCOS is to prevent illness and find health problems and issues early. It meets physical exam requirements and is the most thorough health exam you can get. Some of the exams that occur do not meet the criteria for HCOS. There is a more in-depth exam that HCOS requires when a person wants to pursue HCOS. A provider must assess and document all the components for Wisconsin Medicaid to recognize as a Comprehensive HealthCheck Screening which includes a comprehensive health and development history (including anticipatory guidance), a comprehensive unclothed physical exam, an age-appropriate vision screen, an age-appropriate hearing screen, an oral assessment plus direct referral to a dentist beginning at age 3, appropriate immunizations and appropriate lab tests.

Brad stressed that if there is something that you want to be covered with HCOS (ie. some type of service, intervention, therapy, etc.) to point that out to the provider, and make them aware of it so that they can assess that specifically and give their opinion at that point and time. Whatever is being pursued for HCOS has to have been identified in the context of the exam. If it was not identified in the context of the exam and determined medically necessary then it will not be eligible for HCOS. Providers are able to bill for the examination and get a 40% on the dollar reimbursement compared to a standard exam/physical that they perform.

Some of the things that can be covered which would be medically necessary and have received prior authorization from the State and that is not experimental would be in-home psychotherapy or day treatment for severely emotionally disturbed children, over the counter medications (ie. iron supplements, laxatives, multi-vitamins, protectants and ointments), and non-covered dental services such as orthodontics.

The group discussed allowable exams, special circumstances with a new health issue and providers who are not aware of HCOS. Brad referenced that Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse for one screening per year from the sixth to the twenty-first birthday. In special circumstances that a new health issue arose contact would need to be made to determine if more services could be provided by calling the Forward Health Provider Services Hotline (1-800-362-3002). This leads into Interperiodic Visits that are used to follow up on detected problems or conditions from the comprehensive screen such as Immunizations, Retesting for an elevated blood lead level, low hematocrit and educational follow-up when lead poisoning has been identified and an environmental lead inspection has been done. At this time some providers, pharmacies or other suppliers may not be familiar with this benefit. When encountering a provider, pharmacist or other supplier who is not aware of HealthCheck and HCOS it may be necessary to share hotline number for Forward Health Provider Services.

A question was asked about how knowledgeable the service coordinators are regarding the different services. Casey Vullings, the CCOP Supervisor, explained that when you have a meeting with your service coordinator to be sure to identify all of your needs and they will help to navigate your plan to see whether Medicaid or HCOS does not cover something. And if you are getting it covered through Medicaid or HCOS, it can be added to your plan stating that HCOS does cover the services.

Medicaid will consider reimbursement only for those services that are medically necessary, are identified in the Medicaid authorization of the Social Security Act, and are identified at a HealthCheck screening within the past year. Most services covered under HCOS must receive prior authorization from Medicaid before the service is delivered. They must meet all the following criteria:

- The child must have received a comprehensive HealthCheck Screening within one year prior to the request.
- The service must be allowed as a medical service.
- The service is medically necessary and reasonable.
- The service is not a covered service under the current Medicaid Program.
- The requested service may be approved only if no covered service is appropriate to treat the condition.

People looking for the ICD Ten Code can call this number: 1-800-722-2295 to give to your doctor. Prior Authorization forms are available on the internet at: <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/kw/pdf/2008-49.pdf>

A discussion took place regarding providers choosing to utilize HCOS and medically necessary services. Brad stressed that there are no laws in the State of Wisconsin or any other state that state a doctor or pharmacist must provide these services and run it through HCOS. However, there are more providers and pharmacist who are inquiring about assisting families with the HCOS and receiving a better understanding of the process.

Brad is available to staff and parents if they have questions about HCOS. He did distribute information such as Frequently Asked Questions, Wisconsin's HealthCheck Program and Family Voices of Wisconsin.

## **SCHEDULE/TOPICS FOR 2017 MEETINGS**

Casey noted that the 2017 SSAC meetings will be February 16, May 18, September 21, and November 16.

Casey also asked the group if there were any topics/speakers they would like to discuss in 2017. A suggestion for information regarding ABLE, also the Adult Disability Resource Center specifically to discuss the 16-18 age group transition, and also gaining more knowledge about the Special Needs Trust.

## **MA TRANSITION UPDATES**

The Behavioral Treatment services will be covered with the Medicaid card. As of December 31, 2016 the Waiver can no longer cover those services so for 2017 the providers are working with families to ensure that the transition to Medicaid happens. At this time 41% of the families have an approved authorization to be switched over to Medicaid. Contact will continue with the families and providers to keep informed along with the State of what we are seeing in Waukesha County.

## **CCOP UPDATES**

At this point there has not been a response from the Department regarding the 5-year Plan. CCOP 2017 Questionnaires were emailed/mailed out, deadline for return is December 9, 2016.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Patrick Jauquet motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chelsea Bates. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2017 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**February 16, 2017**

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**APPROVED**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Kokan,  
Administrative Specialist*