

**WV NF Reimbursement Workgroup – Weekly Meetings
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, June 1, 2023 9:00 – 10:00am EST	VIRTUAL via TEAMS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Member List Below	
Meeting Cadence: Bi-Weekly Meetings via Teams Meeting	

Attendees*: *Not inclusive of Call-in Users.

	Present?	Attendee	Present?	Attendee
Invitees:	X	Alex Montileone		Lane Ellis
		Andy Page	X	Lori Greer-Harris
	X	Barbara Skeen	X	Mandy Carpenter
	X	Catie Mellott		Melanie Dempsey
	X	Cindy Beane	X	Michelle Pettey
	X	Dan Brendel	X	Regina McCormick
		David McCauley		Shawn Eddy
	X	Gregg Gibbs		Sherry Jarvis
	X	Jeanne Snow	X	Terry McGee
	X	Jeff Bush	X	Todd Jones
	X	Kayla McCully		Tonya Jones
		Kris Pattison	X	Tracy Mitchell
			X	Marty Wright

AGENDA ITEMS	LEAD	DURATION (MINS)
1. Roll Call/Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above for attendees Myers and Stauffer greeting 	Myers and Stauffer Jeff Bush	5
2. Model Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New model sent out last Friday. Changes made to model to get to the \$915M budget number, but still sticking with the \$915M number. Discuss implementation and timing. 90 days is insufficient and will create larger issues. Walk through model to discuss changes to key transition technical items so everyone has a better understanding. Questions about quality reimbursement and phase in. Discussed quality rate being adjusted semi-annually instead of quarterly. Brought up concerns that another event like the pandemic could happen that would have a massive impact that only adjusting for inflation once a year would be detrimental. 	Workgroup	45

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked for demonstration of how the model would change if target expenditure number changes so people can understand how it all works. ○ Feels like further discussion will be needed about the parameters based on final ruling of expenditure number. ● BMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agrees with Marty that at an impasse with target adjustment. ○ Wants to talk about other areas that can agree about. ○ There are options in place that can be implemented to help offset major impactful events. ○ Asked if in agreement on the model except for the starting amount. ● M&S: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change in quality load at beginning due to stakeholders concern of starting at 6% ○ Agrees that blending the change into the per diem would be simpler if everyone is open to it ○ Semi-annually would be better for rate changes when doing per diem ○ Discussed change of the frequency of looking at inflation and impact on rate changes. ○ Discussed how blended rates would work to ensure target expenditure. ○ Discussed the parameters and the occupancy percentile. ● DHHR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agrees that the change of the initial at risk dollars for quality was due to concerns raised in document presented previously ○ Open to discussion about timing and methodology of payments to ensure timely cash flow to providers ○ From a rate setting perspective it doesn't matter which schedule for payments ○ Expressed slight concern about frequency of reviewing inflation and the accuracy of using historic data and future predictions. 		
<p>3. Transition to PDPM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expressed significant concern about the 10/1 implementation date for the case mix model due to timing of assessments, training, and software changes. ○ Based on OSA on 10/1 and using 7/1 for rate year, looking at sticking with RUGS through 6/30 to give providers a full year to make the necessary changes and training for the transition. ○ Feels that 7/1 would give both the State and the providers the appropriate time to get everything set for a good implementation. ● BMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Considering changing the date to 1/1/24. ○ Understands the concerns. Will have internal discussions to have more solid answers next meeting. 	<p>Workgroup</p>	<p>10</p>

<p>4. Clinical Workgroup Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will need to discuss in upcoming Workgroup meeting what information the quality file that is looked at in July will be based on, so the Clinical group knows that and can have the model updated appropriately. 	Myers and Stauffer	5
<p>5. Cost Report Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had a couple of meetings, working towards a funding option. Can the budget model be revised and updated. Working with DHHR and the provider group. ○ Moving forward with other changes 	Myers and Stauffer	5
<p>6. Rule Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&S: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have sent over proposed rules related to what was discussed. There will be more internal discussions. ○ Will defer to BMS on when that can be shared. ○ Quality metrics are external, quality ramp up is included as it relates to reimbursement rate setting. ○ Can look at the rate component if there are concerns about it being included. ○ Changes may not be obvious due to rearranging flow of information, but will be happy to walk through any questions about what changed or other suggestion to highlight old versus new. • BMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received it yesterday at 5 pm, will mark it as draft and turn it around quickly so everyone can see what is in it with knowledge there will most likely be changes to it. • Workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SPA would be high level to try to minimize changes ○ Request that changes be highlighted somehow 	Myers and Stauffer	5

MEETING ACTION ITEMS AND DECISIONS MADE		
Status	Task	Assigned To
Pending	<p>Action: M&S:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stress test the model ○ Review the language in the State plan and policy model for per diem ○ Highlight changes in the Rate Language 	Myers and Stauffer
	<p>BMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internal discussions about PDPM date 	BMS

Complete	Decision Made:	All
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