

Board of Community Health
Meeting
December 8, 2016

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Roger Folsom
Donna Thomas Moses
Russ Childers
Allana Cummings
Mark Trail
Russell Crutchfield
Anthony Williamson
Michael Kleinpeter

Members Absent

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the November 10, 2016 meetings were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Boyd welcomed Commissioner Berry.

Committee Reports

None to report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Berry update the Board on the following:

- New and existing team members are working well together discussing concrete issues within the Department.
- Meetings have taken place with the Executive Leadership Team, Division Leads and their direct reports.
- The Governor's office, Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and key members of the General Assembly have been given the Executive Leadership Team's contact information so they will have access to the Department.
- The administrative offices will move to the 40th floor to be in closer proximity to the floors where most DCH employees are located.
- The Department is open to hearing new ways of partnering with stake holders.
- At the January Board meeting the new team members will be introduced.

Linda Wiant, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans presented to the Board for final adoption the Outpatient Drug Pricing Update Public Notice. On February 1, 2016, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the finalized Covered Outpatient Drugs Rule (CMS-2345-F), with an effective date of April 1, 2017. The rule proposed to replace Estimated Acquisition Cost (EAC) with actual acquisition cost (AAC), for which we propose to use National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC), as the basis for State Medicaid pharmacy ingredient reimbursement. The rule also replaces the dispensing fee with a professional dispensing fee that should reflect the pharmacist's professional services and costs to dispense the drug product to a Medicaid beneficiary, for which we propose to use \$10.64, the rate in a neighboring state, as permitted by the regulation.

This update will not impact the lesser of pricing, or the usual and customary pricing.

The Department estimates that the financial impact will be:

Summary for Public Notice			
SFY 2017			
	Total	Federal	State
Total	\$ 50,000	\$ 34,014	\$ 15,986
SFY 2018			
	Total	Federal	State
Total	\$ 200,000	\$ 135,713	\$ 64,287

This agreement will be effective upon CMS State Plan Amendment approval.

An opportunity for public comment was held on November 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before November

24, 2016. No comments were received. Ms. Wiant respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Outpatient Drug Pricing Update Public Notice. Michael Kleinpeter SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Outpatient Drug Pricing Update Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Linda Wiant, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice. In FY 2017, the Georgia General Assembly appropriated funds to increase nursing home ventilator care reimbursement by three percent. The Board approved final adoption of this increase in May 2016 and a State Plan Amendment (SPA) was approved by CMS in September 2016.

The SPA submission included the incorrect daily rate for ventilator care due to a typographical error. The rate was listed as the current rate of \$494.68 rather than the new rate of \$509.52. To correct this, CMS is requiring a new Public Notice and SPA.

In order to increase reimbursement for the entire state fiscal year of 2017 by an average of three percent, the ventilator rate for January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 will be increased by 6% to a daily rate of \$524.36. Beginning July 1, 2017, the daily rate will revert to \$509.52 (a 3% increase over the pre-FY 2017 rate). There is no change to the fiscal impact to the State or the federal government. The increased rate to providers for the six-month period is to provide them with the full budgeted amount of the increase.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on December 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments will be accepted on or before December 21, 2016. Ms. Wiant respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Donna Thomas Moses MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice. Roger SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

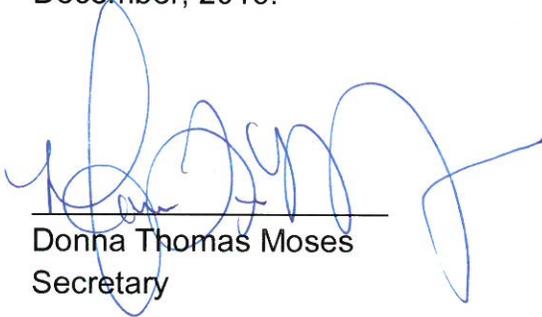
New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

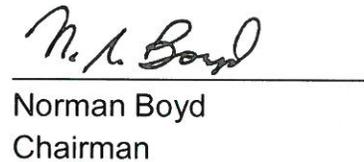
Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF December, 2016.



Donna Thomas Moses
Secretary



Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Outpatient Drug Pricing Update Public Notice
- #4 Medicaid Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanized Ventilator Care Programs Public Notice