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Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Med-Cal Managed Care  
Advisory Group Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2015

**1. Medi-Cal Managed Care Introductions**

Andrew Kilgust called the Advisory Group (AG) meeting to order at 10:05 am and welcomed all in attendance and those participating via the bridgeline.

**2. Medi-Cal 2020 – 1115 Waiver and Budget**

Sarah Brooks provided the following updates to the budget and waiver:

- DHCS continues to work on the final budget details and are unable to share detailed information at this time. The Governor's budget is scheduled to be released in early January. California budget updates are located [here](#).
- DHCS was provided an extension for the current waiver through December 31, 2015. A prospective agreement has been reached between DHCS and CMS. Final negotiations regarding Special Terms and Conditions are nearing completion. Waiver updates and announcements are located [here](#).

**3. Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) Transition**

Bambi Cisneros discussed the ongoing efforts related to the transition of BHT services from the Regional Centers (RCs) to the Medi-Cal managed care health plans (MCPs). The transition is scheduled to begin on February 1, 2016 and the schedule for each county can be found [here](#). MCPs have mailed 60-day member notices to beneficiaries transitioning from the RCs to the MCPs. A consent form has been created to allow for the exchange of information in order to ensure a seamless coordination of care between the RCs and MCPs.

**4. Annual Quality Dashboard and Managed Care Health Plan (MCP) Quality Performance Awards**

Oksana Meyer provided details on the new Quality Dashboard and the Quality Performance Awardees:

- a) The Quality Dashboard is part of the Managed Care Performance Dashboard and will focus on Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) quality measures that for which the MCPs are required to report. The Quality Dashboard will reflect the efforts DHCS is focusing on and looking to improve or can see improvement. The release of the Quality Dashboard is scheduled for early February 2016.
- b) The MCP Quality Award results were based on HEDIS data during 2014 and reported on in 2015.

- i. *Outstanding Performance*: Kaiser Foundation Southern California, Santa Clara Family Health Plan and CalOptima.
- ii. *Most Improved (Greatest Improvement in Quality Strategy Focus Areas)*: Health Plan of San Mateo.
- iii. *Most Improved (Greatest Improvement in One Year)*: Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan and Santa Clara Family Health Plan.
- iv. *Innovation (Charter Healthcare Group Transitional Care Project)*: Inland Empire Health Plan.
- v. *Innovation Runner-Up (Reducing Early Childhood Caries in the Medical Home)*: Contra Costa Health Plan.

## **5. Health Homes**

Brian Hansen shared the latest details of the Health Home Program (HHP) Request for Interest (RFI) and the Concept Paper 3.0:

- a) The RFI was released on October 4, 2015. The HHP must be implemented by all MCPs in the county. DHCS reserves the right to amend implementation and readiness activities. The State Plan Amendment (SPA) will include health home match funding. The next step will be the Request for Application, including details on Technical Assistance (TA) and implementation. During the TA process, stakeholder resources regarding the HHP can be found [here](#) or interested parties can email the [hhp@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:hhp@dhcs.ca.gov) inbox for more information.
- b) Final release of the Concept Paper 3.0 is December 11, 2015 and includes a comment period. Upon release, information will be given such as, feedback on how DHCS will pay MCPs, timeline on rate development, eligibility criteria, the rollout schedule for review and eligibility criteria.

## **6. College Student Enrollment**

Guadalupe Sanchez provided a brief updated to a Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter ([MEDIL](#)) No: 15-32. The memo serves as a policy reminder for counties when processing changes of address for students who attend college in a county other than their primary county of responsibility. The student's address should be updated in the system to reflect their current county of residence, the county in which the student attends college. This will trigger the discontinuation of the student's current MCP in the family's residence county and activate new health insurance information within the county where the student attends college. The student should present their Benefits Identification Card (BIC) to obtain needed health care services until new MCP enrollment has been processed.

## **7. SB 75 (Full Scope Medi-Cal for All Children)**

Rachel Arruda-De Cell discussed that notice #3 regarding SB 75 would be released by the end of the week of December 13, 2015. The [SB 75 website](#) is constantly updated. Review of SB 75 FAQs is close to completion and the final will be shared soon. FAQs will only be in English.

**8. Stakeholder Engagement Initiative**

Adam Weintraub from the Office of Public Affairs discussed the Department's Stakeholder Engagement Initiative, which began in late 2013 and formally launched September 2014. Since there are different types of stakeholder meetings, DHCS makes every effort to ensure it is for all audiences, is working to be sensitive to the frustrations of the stakeholders not being heard, ensure the pertinent staff is present during these meetings, and attempts to provide an environment conducive to a smooth meeting.

**9. Open Discussion**

Please submit agenda requests to DHCS by February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 through the following inbox: [advisorygroup@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:advisorygroup@dhcs.ca.gov)

**10. Next Meeting**

The Medi-Cal Managed Care Advisory Group is scheduled on Thursday, March 10, 2016 in the Conference Room at 1700 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.