Handouts

Each participant was e-mailed an agenda. In addition, a link to the DPH website for minutes from previous meetings was also provided.

Agenda Item I: Introductions

Agenda Item II: Unmet InterQual and Secondary Reviews

Discussion: DHCS requires that when a stay does not meet acute criteria, and is referred for a secondary review, the unmet InterQual tree should be submitted alongside the secondary review for each day.

As a reminder, the secondary review determination must be performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy with a current active medical license in the State of California. The physician may be a member of the UR committee, but may not be one of the attending physicians for the case under review.
The secondary review must include the following:
- Physician review date
- Written or electronic signature
- Contact information (i.e. phone number)
- A summary outlining the medical rationale for authorization of each day of the stay through secondary review (reason for decision/outcome).

Lastly, hospital days approved through the secondary review process must be individually justified by the physician. Grouping approval of a range of days is not permitted and variances will be cited on the proceeding days for lack of secondary review.

**Agenda Item III: 2018 Paid Claim Review Report Cards**

**Discussion:** The 2018 Paid Claims Review Report Cards will be released by March 15, 2020. These will be sent to the Participation Agreement signee. Please compare your facility’s 2018 report to the previous 2017 report for possible improvements. If any questions arise or you would like to have a conference call, please contact DHCS at PublicHospitalProject@dhcs.ca.gov.

**Agenda Item IV: Participation Agreements Outstanding**

**Discussion:** DHCS requests that the two facilities with outstanding Participation Agreements submit them as soon as possible. DHCS will send an additional reminder to these facilities.

**Agenda Item V: Quarterly Denied Medi-Cal Days**

**Discussion:** The Fall Denied Medi-Cal Days data for dates of admission October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 is due on or before March 31st. DHCS will send an email reminder with the 2019 Quarterly Denied Medi-Cal Days Template attached.

Please keep in mind that your facility should be actively CIFing stays when a “Y” is noted in the last column of the template asking if the stay was billed. These are determined to be self-denied stays by the facility but were erroneously billed to Medi-Cal.

**Agenda Item VI: Miscellaneous**

**Discussion:** Regarding administrative days, in order to fulfill the required 10 call lists per day for SNF placement, DHCS also requires that 10 responses from the SNF must be documented. DHCS will not accept a “no response” as a complete
call. Additionally, DHCS will provide a complete list of State Holidays for providers to utilize when calls are not necessary.

As a reminder, observation is not identified as a level of care for reimbursement. InterQual must meet acute criteria for the day to bill Medi-Cal.

Copies of eligibility sheets are no longer required to be submitted to DHCS unless it is for administrative days with retro-eligibility and no call list is available.

Agenda Item VII: Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11:00 am