




Operations Committee - Meeting Minutes

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: Date February 6, 2015 Time: 2:30 -3:40 PM Location: Hartford Room – ValueOptions	Internal x	External 	Recorder: Jane Matyszyk	Draft 	Final X
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION				
Outpatient Rate Increase Follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per Bill H. (DSS) Outpatient 2012 rates for clinics are in the process of being approved. A detailed letter has been sent to CMS explaining methodology for Upper Payment Limit for 2012. DSS is working with CMS. DSS is very hopeful that methodology will be approved. Approval on Upper Payment Limits are required yearly. Future approvals should move more quickly. Once 2012 Rates are approved, they can work on the proposed 2015 SPA; Note: Upper payment limits must be below what Medicare would pay. Upon approval of 2012 Rates, meetings will be convened on how to increase the rates. Question raised: since approvals may be many months out could review of the Rate proposal be done now rather than waiting for the approvals. Per Bill H. (DSS) it would be premature to review the rate structure until the current plan is approved by CMS. 2012 approvals need to be done before discussions on any future rate increases. Question raised: \$5 million was appropriated last year; is the money secure? There is concern that this money may be gone by the time the approval process is completed. Bill H. hasn't seen the budget so cannot respond to at this time. SPA approvals have been an issue – Per Bill H. – in process of prioritizing SPA's based on budget/ones that will produce revenue. In process of forming a contingency to go to Baltimore for SPA summit with CMS to work through pending SPA's and to get the High Priority lists done. Question raised: How many outstanding SPA's are there? Per Bill H. (DSS) there are 10 -12 on the priority list. SPA's are continually being submitted – in 2015, for example, DRG and Autism. 				
Update on Regulations for LMSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per Bill H. (DSS) right now resources are Legal/Policy focused. Will go through the public process of posting, etc. Will not be ready in February. 				
Care Connect  care connect HLOC updated screens.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann P. (VO) reviewed the upcoming Upgrades to the HLOC's decreasing from 9 to 3 screens on VO's Care Connect. Upgrades will be available 3/28/2015. (see embedded document) Training on the new screens will be available in March on multiple dates and times. After hours personnel taking calls for VO CT will have the same screens. 				



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Update on Pilot on Frequent ED Visitors & Care Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data collection is thru 12/31/2014 – Analysis of data is 2 months out.• 5 Hospital intervention program is continuing.
Member Certification / Recertification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern raised regarding possible backlog in member certification /recertification paperwork at DSS. This is causing a staffing hardship for providers (checking for a member to be in the system; may miss filing deadlines; etc)• members may not be able to receive benefits• Bill H (DSS) suggested that the names of critical /high priority members be sent to him and he will forward to DSS Escalation Unit for processing.
Medicaid Savings Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item to be added to 3/6/2015 Agenda.