








BHP Operations Sub-committee - Minutes

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: Date: November 5, 2021 Time: 2:30 - 4:00 Location: via zoom  OperationsMtgAge nda11-5-2021 .doc	Internal	External X	Recorder: Jen Kurowski, Beacon Health Options Co-Chairs: Terri DiPietro and Heather Gates	Draft X	Final
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION				
1. Draft Revisions Home Health Adult-Child Level of Care Guidelines  OpsComm11-5-21D RAFT Revisions Horr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Gates provided an overview. We are updating the guidelines to be more reflective of current practice and current standards. Lynne Ringer reviewed the latest updates to the LOC Guidelines. Below are some of the changes referenced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: Made some changes to wording and have updated LOC guidelines to match current practices. Updates relating to changes made over the summer. Changing home in residence for those getting this service. Added language to include medication and home health aide prompting. Updated to include bypass language. Included bypass plus program. Added intensity of need for the med box. Added continued stay for med box criteria. Section B: Will add in changes to include the term healthcare practitioner as indicated in changes below. CHANGES TO MAKE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auth Process & Timeframe for Service – correct to say Home Health Aide not Aid. Tracy Wodatch indicated they are updating their regulations to start using the term healthcare practitioner instead of calling out physician, APRN, and PA (clinicians with prescriptive authority). Potentially include definition on this. State Partners agree to this change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition provided by Tracy W.: “Healthcare practitioner” means a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant” Lynne to make all changes and send the updated document to David Kaplan with cc: to Heather G., Terri D., and Lois Berkowitz. Notify David K. that this was reviewed in the Operations Committee meeting and are hoping to get this approved at the BHPOC meeting. Perhaps include a one-page summary to indicate what items were changed and that the Operations Council approved these changes. 				



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<p>2. Update on 1115 Waiver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Halsey indicated that DSS issued an email today and have the rates posted. There is a 4% cost of living increase that was included. Broke out the proximity to a single LOC. You will also see a link to the standards and Bill encourages everyone to read those carefully. Tried to incorporate feedback into the rates and the standards. If multiple LOC in the same unit or site, you would use the mixed-bed page to see what these rates would look like, but only if running 2 different LOC at the same site. DSS doesn't expect many providers to use the mixed-bed rate, but there were some inquiries about this, so there is a rate included for this scenario. • Bill recommends having additional conversations regarding implications if thinking about flex-beds. • Bill does not anticipate a 12/1 Implementation date, but everything is currently with CMS. • Bill will construct a lengthy provider bulletin to include many details that providers will need to know. DSS will eventually include these details in a larger provider manual, likely one for residential and a separate one for outpatient. • Colleen Harrington confirmed that the 4% cost of living rate increase will get backdated to 7/1/2021. • Terri DiPietro commented that she was made aware that some hospitals believe that they are not allowed to bill for LMSWs for outpatient clinic. She said she thinks it's important that if the CHA meeting goes well, we may not need this, but we may need this as an agenda item in January. Bill believes he may attend this January meeting, and Rod W. and Hector M. do plan to attend. Bill to get confirmation that hospitals are, in fact, allowed to bill for LMSWs. Bill suggests that Terri double-check scope of practice with DPH.
<p>3. Expansion of Enhanced Care Clinics</p> <p> ECC Expansion Letter to Providers-1</p> <p> IPB 2019-16 ECC site status notification3-</p> <p> Attachment B for Enhanced Care Clini</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rod Winstead gave a quick summary on this topic. • Letter went out last week to the 30 active ECCs and asking them to send an updated Attachment B, which lists all the sites they have that they wish to add as an ECC. They have been given until 11/30 to get this information back to DSS. Once that comes back, Gainwell says that if the info is complete and we get it back by this deadline, they anticipate a fairly quick turnaround to change these sites to ECCs. The Department would then inform the clinics of the effective date to start billing. • Heather asked – will secondary sites be considered satellite sites of a larger clinic with slightly different expectations or primary sites? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○A – Keri Lloyd indicated that those will be secondary sites. Attachment B form was updated and includes check boxes for each secondary site location to allow you to easily identify if those sites are exempt, depending on staffing and other criteria. But they will all need to comply with the regular ECC standard requirements. School based sites likely won't have difficulty meeting the standards. • Bill indicated that rates were increased by 4% and should have that out next week.
<p>4. New Business and Announcements / Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill H. commented that for those who are operating residential LOCs, we are aware that Quest Diagnostic is not issuing labs. Expect to get to a resolution next week. • Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.
<p>5. Upcoming Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 7, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom, hosted by Beacon Health Options