

**Coordination of Care Subcommittee, Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight
Council, Meeting, 1/23/08**

Rose Ciarcia of DSS reviewed what will be happening as Anthem, Heath Net, and WellCare leave the HUSKY program, as of March 31, 2008. All members will be transitioned to CHN or to fee for service (FFS). Fee for service is not geared up to handle member services. HUSKY Infoline has been contracted with for these services.

In short term, members will be able to get out of network authorization from CHN, but NOT from FFS. CHN will also have a higher reimbursement rate than Anthem or Health Net, but not FFS. Physicians not enrolled as Medicaid FFS providers continue to be a major issue. Discussion ensued on possible ways to reach out to these physicians.

VO will be doing special outreach to the 90 identified medically complex cases. Dr. Wohlman from DCF indicated that DCF clients must maintain their primary care and specialist physicians.

Rose indicated that Commissioner Starkowski wants to implement the PCCM pilot on October 1, 2008.

DSS does not have infrastructure in place for coordination of care. It is not clear what the interaction will be with VO and FFS. Next meeting will address this issue. E. G., MCO's send out reminders for well child checkups, and other critical issues. MCO's and VO interact regularly around care management issues.

Transportation: DSS has contract with Logisticare for same regions that Logisticare now covers for MCO contracts under HUSKY. HUSKY payment is less expensive than ABD. DSS has asked them for a bid.

Pharmacy carve-out is not yet completed. Mercer was diverted from completing the study of prior authorization. Carve-out will be in effect February 1. The existing DSS preferred drug list (PDL) will be used. Clients will receive a 30 day temporary drug supply rather than FFS 5 day supply. Local Pharmacies will follow up with prescribing provider re any PA issues. When the EDS PBM is in place, the PBM will follow up with MD. Letter from Atty. General Blumenthal and Child Advocate Jeanne Millstein re Prescription Drug Prior Auth. Process was distributed.

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