

**Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)  
Cost-Sharing, Benefits Package, and Eligibility Verification Subcommittee**

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**May 5, 2016 Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Place: HSD/ASD Office, Santa Fe**

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Chair: Larry A. Martinez (proxy for Gene Varela)  
Recorder: Shawna Crist-Ruiz, HSD/MAD

Committee Members: Carol Luna-Anderson, Life link &BH Planning Council  
Jeff Dye, NM Hospital Association  
Eugene Sun, MD, BCBS NM  
Ginna Hendricks, Santa Fe Dentistry for Kids (proxy for Kris Hendricks)  
Steve McKernan, UNM Hospital  
Lawrence Nylin (proxy for Darcie Robran-Marquez, MD, Molina Health Care)  
Ruth Hoffman, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM  
Mark Kolman, NM Department of Health  
Debbie Feathers IHS  
Jim Jackson, Disability Rights NM  
Marc Kolman, NM Department of Health

Absent Members: Joie Glenn, NM Association for Home &Hospice Care  
Amy Dowd, NM Hospital Association  
Erik Lujan, All Pueblo Council of Governors  
Nancy Smith-Leslie, HSD/MAD  
David Scrase, MD, HSD

Staff & Visitors Attending: Kari Armijo, HSD/MAD  
Angela Medrano, HSD/MAD  
Tallie Tolen, HSD/MAD  
Kristin Abdill, HSD/OOS  
Wayne Lindstrom, HSD/BHSD  
Jenny Felmley, LFC  
Robyn Nardone, HSD NMICSS  
Kim Carter, HSD/MAD  
Abuko Estrada, NM Center on Law and Poverty

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Welcome and Introductions	Larry Martinez called the meeting to order and introduced himself as substitute chair sitting in for Gene Varela. Larry welcomed subcommittee members and introductions were made.	None	Larry Martinez	Complete
II. Review and approve minutes from last meeting	Larry directed members to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Jeff Dye made a recommendation to amend a pronoun, found on page 2, and replace with a proper noun to identify the speaker(s). A vote was taken to approve the minutes and the motion was passed unanimously.	Make correction to meeting minutes.	Kristin Abdill	5/12/16
III. Cost-Sharing Presentation and commentary that ensued.	<p>Kari Armijo presented on the requirements related to Cost-Sharing. Kari explained that the code of federal regulations (CFR) has changed in the past few years adding some flexibility for states to implement cost-sharing measures, but noted that federal guidelines are still very proscriptive.</p> <p>Kari explained that federal rules give providers the option to refuse to treat patients with income over 100% FPL for failure to pay co-pays.</p> <p>Jeff Dye commented that this provision does not apply to hospitals; there is not the option of turning away a patient for failure to pay because of EMTALA provisions.</p> <p>The question was asked if HSD has information regarding the challenges of collecting co-pays from providers. Carol Luna Anderson stated that there is not a mechanism in place to capture provider information; in most cases, the provider will just take lower reimbursement when the patient cannot pay.</p> <p>Ginna Hendricks added that her practice will not turn away a patient for failure to pay a \$5 co-pay; effectively creating an additional provider cut.</p> <p>Ruth Hoffman stated that many people will choose to not access care when they know they have an outstanding debt and the potential of collections against them .</p> <p>Regarding co-pays for non-emergency use of the ER, Jeff Dye asked if hospitals could choose not to participate due to the administrative burden.</p> <p>Ruth Hoffman asked for analysis of what co-pays could actually generate in savings.</p> <p>Steve McKernan noted that there are currently no ways to disincentive inappropriate use of the ER. A low co-pay for ER use might be a way to incentivize alternative sources of care..</p> <p>Kari explained cost-sharing waiver options; Indiana had a waiver approved in Jan 2015.</p> <p>Carol Luna Anderson asked if there were any outcomes from Indiana's initiative.</p> <p>Ruth Hoffman stated that there are patients with major problems and if we impose a premium, these patients would be on the streets. Ruth added that the subcommittee should be cognizant of the bigger picture.</p> <p>Angela Medrano informed the subcommittee that HSD is seeking \$20 million savings in recommendations from the subcommittee by June 1, 2016.</p>	<p>HSD will follow-up on information regarding provider Co-pays.</p> <p>Follow up with additional data on Indiana's waiver.</p>	<p>HSD Staff</p> <p>HSD Staff</p>	<p>5/12/16</p> <p>5/12/16</p>

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Topics for next discussion	<p>Suggestions and requests for information were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee should narrow down some ideas; each member should come to the table with at least one possible recommendation.</li> <li>• Look at ways to put limits on therapy services; perhaps limit to choosing 2 out of 3 benefits</li> <li>• HSD provided a list of brainstorming ideas for benefit modifications</li> </ul>	Subcommittee members bring at least one recommendation to next meeting	<p>HSD Staff</p> <p>HSD Staff</p> <p>Robyn Nardone</p>	<p>5/12/16</p> <p>5/12/16</p>
VI. Closing remarks and Adjourn	<p>Larry Martinez reminded members that they should feel free to email HSD Staff with additional topics to discuss and to utilize the public comment section on the HSD Website.</p> <p>Upcoming meeting locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5/12/16, 1:30-4pm, Albuquerque, Work Force Training Center (CNM)</li> <li>- 5/19/16, 1:30-4pm, Santa Fe, ASD Conference Room</li> <li>- 5/26/16, 1:30-4pm, Albuquerque, Work Force Training Center (CNM)</li> </ul> <p>Meeting adjourned at 3:30.</p>			

Respectfully submitted:

Shawna Crist-Ruiz  
 Recorder

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 Date

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