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Budget Authority Workgroup Agenda

1. Welcome

Jan Lampman, Todd Koopmans, Sheryl Kuenzer, Angela Martin, Melissa Frash, Laura Demeuse, Shannon Gielow, Tayler McQuay, Beth Durkee, Courtney Trunk, Jill Gerrie



Jan asked us what our connection was with this group and if school starting was important in our lives.

2. Expand Brokers in Michigan

- Recruiting is an issue, especially with the Direct Care Worker crisis and in rural areas where there are fewer people.
- There is billing code confusion because it is a 15-minute code. We want to look at a different way to bill.
- Using the 15-minute code is confusing because the rate for the 15 minutes is high to cover non-face-to-face time. A lot of what Brokers do is separate from meeting with people.
- It was decided that Laura would talk to someone at MiChoice to see how they deal with the 15-minute issue. She will also check how often it's used and what other barriers there are.



- Laura talked about a couple of years ago when a proposal to expand brokers in Michigan with AARPA funds was put together (didn't get funded). Part of it was detailing the Support Coordinator role, when a broker might be used, and how they might work together. This might be helpful now.

3. Finish Broker Draft

- We decided to give both the recommendations to improve budget authority and the broker information together. We will need to make sure they don't think they have to move together. The recommendations are more ready to go. Todd thought of it as information to stimulate questions and answers.
- Laura said that determining rates and what to pay people is a barrier. If we had solutions to some of that it would be great.
- Could the broker information be used to beef up the broker section in the technical guidance? Yes, and Laura said it could also go in the Medicaid Manual. She said CMHs have lots of questions about brokers that she hopes will be answered if there's a information in the Medicaid Manual.
- Angela asked if we do develop something about support brokers is this something that can be included in a future update? That would help eliminate each CMH & PIHP making up their own rules. She thought there might be an opportunity here.
- We need to make sure this is not technical and is easy to understand.



- Jan let us know that some CMHs are doing what Ottawa is doing! Way to go Ottawa!

- We talked about the second bullet under broker requirements. Laura fixed our problem by suggesting we change the word expertise to knowledge! Thanks!



- Jan asked us what we want to do with this document.
 - ✓ We want language in the Technical Guidance and Medicaid Manual
 - ✓ We decided Angela and Laura will take it to the Developmental Disability Practice Improvement Team (DD PIT) in October after the presentation to the DD Council Program Committee. Angela will ask to have it put on the agenda.
 - ✓ Laura thinks it will be pretty easy to get it in the Provider Manual because there's going to be a Self-Direction chapter.
 - ✓ Laura was interested in having the group working on the chapter meet with us.

4. Review Draft Recommendations for Budget Authority

- Send the recommendations (after the DD Council and MDHHS) to the folks that we surveyed so they can see their efforts made a difference.



5. MDHHS – Laura

- EVV (Electronic Visit Verification)



- ✓ People using SD have to use EVV?
- ✓ It's confusing! Different letters from the Department have been sent to different people.
- ✓ Exemption is available online for family members
- ✓ If you get Home Help they are going to use some kind of system like Electronic Visit Verification to get paid even if you're exempt? (electronic service verification)
- ✓ There isn't a way to exempt people using self-directed services yet.
- ✓ Moving the start date back for folks with behavioral health & Home Help to 9/16/24.
- ✓ From those using the EVV system – it's a mess!
- ✓ **We need to complain about all this (Electronic Visit Verification) to congress.** – Angela encouraged folks to contact Moolinar and share their experience.
- ✓ SD is doing EVV – the module is optional – the next year or more it will be practice kind-of – can continue billing as usual.
- ✓ If have HH and behavioral health problems with exemptions
- ✓ **State will need to monitor how many fall off of Home Help services.**

Electronic Visit Verification



- ✓ Next year (or more) is dipping the toe into Electronic Visit Verification. They are not turning on the billing part.

6. Ask people using self-directed services and those who support them to read our materials. SAM? Others? Peer Mentors? Support staff. Reach out to Tracy.



Give to folks in advance so they can react to it before the next meeting.

7. Other

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STUFF!**

Future Meeting Dates

- **09/11/24 – Past PAS Teams – send stuff to these guys too – like a week before**
- **10/09/24**
- **11/13/24**
- **12/11/24**

