

MATP Advisory Committee Meeting
Health and Welfare Building, Room 327
March 24, 2011 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Attendees: Joanie Morgan, Tyrone Williams, Ken Porter, Chris Vogel, Sundee Klopach, Michael Cvetan, Eira Andrade, Jackie James, Cecelia Watkins, Leroy Jefferys, Jim Pennypacker, Bob Scalia, Mike Root, Yvette Long, Dorothy Young, Minta Livengood, Odessa Trinkle, Sheila Gombita, Jim Farwell, Lavall Miller-Wilson, Linda Bergman, Marcia Matthews, Marjorie Jackson, Sonia Brookins, Piswast Pintadong

Phone Participants: Fran Chervenak, Coletta Corioso, Gene Suski, Sherry Wolf, Dave Trout

2011 – 2012 Budget – Joanie Morgan, Director, Bureau of Managed Care Operations (BMCO), provided an overview of the budget cuts that MATP will be facing in FY 11/12. The MATP budget is going to be reduced to the 09/10 budget amounts. Ms. Morgan also discussed that staff will be working to stay within the budget by looking at different options such as standardizing the mileage reimbursement rate, increased oversight of county MATP, possible consumer co-pays, and putting standard language in the Instructions and Requirements (I&R) regarding the one hour rule waiver to consolidate more trips. Committee asked that a policy be drafted for review prior to implementation. Ms. Morgan stated that BMCO would share information with the committee as we move forward.

No-Show Policy – Tyrone Williams, Director, MATP, gave an update on the status of the draft no-show policy that required MA recipients to call in the day before for transportation after the third no-show and during the appeal process. Mr. Williams further explained that the policy would be optional for counties to implement due to being an administrative burden on larger counties to track. The consumer representatives on the committee expressed concern that the policy required an additional step for MA recipients that did not exist before the appeal process. It was felt that this violated regulations regarding hearings and appeals; specifically, that appeals within 10 days had to provide the same level of service.

DPW did follow-up with legal and their determination was that this did not violate a recipient's right, as calling the night before is considered a courtesy. It was suggested that maybe the policy should be revised so that after the second no-show, recipients would be required to call in the evening before, so that they would need to continue to call even after an appeal. DPW will revise the policy and bring it to the next meeting.

MATP Transportation to Psychological Rehabilitation – There was a question as to whether Psychological Rehabilitation is a covered service. Psychological Rehabilitation is not an in-plan service and therefore is not covered under MATP. It was clarified that this language is in the MATP Manual and that only services included in the State Plan are covered.

Philadelphia MATP RFP – The committee was informed that six (6) bids were received for the Philadelphia MATP. The consumer representatives asked if there would be an opportunity for them to evaluate the proposals. DPW will arrange for their review.

Performance Audit of MATP for Methadone Treatment – The committee was given a highlight brief from the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee regarding MATP for Methadone Maintenance. Highlights were reviewed and included amount of financial support provided by the MATP, benefits of closest provider and mileage reimbursement, methadone treatment in general, options and time limits for methadone treatment and recommendation for DPW to develop “best practice” guidelines. The full report can be reviewed by visiting the website at <http://lbfc.legis.state.pa.us>.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:41 PM

Next Meeting: May 26, 2011