

Summary of Discussion from April 12, 2013 Duals Implementation Council Meeting

Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Duals Eligibles

Implementation Council Meeting

April 12, 2013 1 PM – 3 PM

Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston,

Conference Rooms 1-3 on the Second Floor

Council Members Present: Suzann Bedrosian, Bruce Bird, Theodore Chelmow, Myiesha Demery, Joseph Finn, Rebecca Gutman, Dennis Heaphy (Chair and Facilitator), Audrey Higbee, Jeffrey Keilson, David Matteodo, Daniel McHale, Dale Mitchell, Robert Rousseau, Peter Tallas, Howard Trachtman (Co-Chair), Florette Willis (Co-Chair)

Council Members Absent: Anne Fracht, Denise Karuth, Vivian Nunez, Jorge Pagan-Ramos, Olivia Richard

Guest Attendees: None

Handouts: Agenda, Discussion Document, 3/15/13 Meeting Summary, MassHealth Presentation

Next Open Meeting: May 10, 2013 from 1 PM – 3 PM, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

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1) Approval of Meeting Summary

A motion was made to accept the March 15th Implementation Council meeting summary.

The motion was seconded.

Council Vote

- Ayes: 15
- Nahs: 0
- Abstain: 0

The motion was carried unanimously by the Council.

2) Discussion of Implementation Council Subcommittee

- Volunteers were solicited to take part in a subcommittee to develop a Charter and By-Laws. The committee will likely meet one time to establish meeting guidelines and policies. A draft Charter and By-laws are available for consideration and further refinement.
 - Dennis Heaphy, Florette Willis and Suzanne Bedrosian volunteered for the Charter and By-Laws Subcommittee
 - It was suggested that the Charter and By-Laws subcommittee address questions related to membership of the subcommittees such as:
 - May all subcommittee members vote on issues within the subcommittee structure?
 - Is there a requirement about the number of Implementation Council members that must be on each subcommittee?
- The convening of a Continuity of Care/Access to Providers Committee was discussed with the goal of monitoring access to providers in order to ensure members maintain access to providers that are critical to their care.
 - Jeff Keilson, Audrey Higbee, Howard Trachtman, Dan McHale and Dennis Heaphy volunteered for this subcommittee.

3) MassHealth Presentation

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- Robin Callahan, Deputy Medicaid Director for Policy and Programs for MassHealth, presented on Duals Demonstration Rates, including an overview of methodology and adjustments to preliminary rates. The presentation is available on the Implementation Council website located at www.mass.gov/masshealth/duals

A motion was made that the Implementation Council help co-define what functional status is and examine how it may be mediating costs and health outcomes, as an alternative to the existing federal model and look at the existing tools.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion

- Members expressed a need to
 - Define functional status since current tools are inadequate, and
 - Define functional status from a recovery model perspective for individuals with behavioral health needs.
- A member suggested using real examples or case studies to better understand the rating categories.

Council vote

- Ayes: 9
- Nahs: 1
- Abstain: 4

The motion carried.

A motion was made that the Implementation Council invite Secretary Polanowicz of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to the next meeting to hear Implementation Council member concerns directly and that Dennis Heaphy and others write a letter to this effect and carbon copy Governor Patrick.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion

- Several members noted that they were opposed to this motion because

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- MassHealth is currently working with the Implementation Council, and
- MassHealth's response to earlier issues demonstrates that the state is listening and responding.

Council vote

- Ayes: 4
- Nahs: 8
- Abstain: 2

The motion did not carry.

A motion was made that the Implementation Council recommends that MassHealth create at least two rating categories for C2 (Community High Behavioral Health) and supports the delay of auto assignment of rating categories C2 and C3 until CY2014.

The motion was seconded.

Council vote

- Ayes: 14
- Nahs:
- Abstain:

The motion carried.

A motion was made to request a briefing from MassHealth on the readiness of the ICOs at the next Implementation Council meeting.

The motion was seconded.

Council vote

- Ayes: 15
- Nahs: 0
- Abstain: 0

The motion was carried unanimously by the Council.

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- MassHealth asked the Implementation Council to make a request that includes additional specificity about the content of the briefing.

4) Development of Subcommittees

A motion was made to request a new Implementation Council meeting to be held sometime before the next scheduled meeting on May 10th to specifically discuss items pertaining to development of subcommittees.

The motion was seconded.

Council Vote

The motion carried.