

I. Call to Order

- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

- Wil Ervin called role of the voting committee members and identified the quorum was initially not met for voting purposes. Dr. James Rish and Mr. Brad Mayo later telephone conferenced into the meeting to constitute a quorum.
- **Voting members in attendance were:** – Dr. Steve Demetropoulos (Pascagoula), Dr. Thomas Dobbs, Dr. William Grantham (Clinton), Dr. Edward Hill (Tupelo), Dave Estorge (Jackson),

Via Phone-Dr. James Rish (Tupelo), Brad Mayo (Oxford)

- **Voting members not in attendance were:** Chris Anderson (Jackson), Dr. Allen Gersh (Jackson), Dr. Billy Long (Jackson), Dr. Shannon Orr (Madison), Dr. Vicki Pilkington (Jackson)
- **Non-voting members in attendance were:** N/A
- **Non-voting members not in attendance were:** Senate Medicaid Chairperson Senator Brice Wiggins, House Medicaid Chairperson Representative Chris Brown, Public Health and Human Services Chairperson Representative Sam Mims, Appropriations Chairperson Representative John Read, Senate Medicaid Vice-Chairperson Senator Hob Bryan, Public Health and Welfare Chairperson Senator Dean Kirby, Appropriations Chairperson Senator Buck Clarke

III. Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

IV. Administrative Matters

- Dr. Jason Dees referred the members to documents in their folders but also stated a study on LARCs would be shared at a later date.
- **Approval of meeting minutes from August 24, 2018**
- *Motion: Dr. William Grantham*
- *Second: Dr. Edward Hill*
- *Meeting minutes were approved unanimously*

V. Public Comments-

- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos explained there would be a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting for 10 minutes. He also requested a sign-up sheet be available for those who would like to speak.

At UMMC's request, Dr. Demetropoulos allowed UMMC to present the New Business item of Cardiac Children's Services proposal prior to Old Business items on the agenda. (See UMMC's presentation notes under New Business)

VI. Old Business – Presentations

1. Medicaid Policy Updates reviewed by Dr. Jason Dees

State Plan, Waivers, Administrative Code updates and Future Filings

- SPA 18-0004 APR-DRG updates approved 10/11/2018, effective 7/1/2018
- SPA 18-0005 LTC Updates #2 approved 10/12/2018, effective 7/1/2018
- SPA 18-0006 1915 (i) Community Support Program approved 9/18/2018, effective 11/1/2018
- SPA 18-0007 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Reimbursement approved 10/22/2018, effective 7/1/2018
- SPA 18-0008 Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) was withdrawn
- SPA 18-0009 Indian Health Services (HIS) Encounter Limit approved 9/10/2018, effective 6/1/2018
- SPA 18-0010 Transportation approved 10/15/2018, effective 8/1/2018
- SPA 18-0011 Physician Administered Drugs (PADs) submitted 8/23/2018
- SPA 18-0012 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) PADs submitted 8/22/2018
- SPA 18-0013 Rural Health Centers (RHC) PADs submitted 8/22/2018
- SPA 18-0014 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) in submitted 10/19/2018
- SPA 18-0015 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments public notice 9/28/2018, effective 10/1/2018
- SPA 18-0018 Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MSCAN) submitted 10/19/2018
- SPA 18-0019 Governor's Review approved 10/1/2018, effective 7/1/2018
- Managed Care Quality Strategy Report submitted 7/23/2018
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) SPA #10 - CMS submission 1/9/18; RAI issued 2/18/18
- CHIP SPA #11 – Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act (MHPAEA) (due 9/18/2018) in development
- CHIP SPA #12 – Managed Care (due 6/30/19)
- Healthier MS Waiver is up for 3-year renewal period; approved 9/30/2018, effective 10/1/2018

- 1115 Workforce Training Initiative – completeness letter 1/22/18; ongoing discussion with CMS
- Intellectual Disabilities/ Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) Waiver Renewal approved 9/7/2018, effective 7/1/2018
- Assisted Living (AL) Waiver Renewal– expires 9/30/18; renewal due 6/30/18; approved 9/17/2018, effective 10/1/2018
- AC 18-008, 18-009 Pharmacy Reimbursement & 340B – effective 11/1/2018
- AC 18-022 APR-DRG Reimbursement – effective 7/1/2018
- AC 18-025 DME O2 – effective 12/1/2018
- AC 18-027 EPSDT – effective 12/1/2018
- AC 18-028 EPSDT RHC – effective 12/1/2018
- AC 18-030 Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver – effective 12/1/2018
- AC 18-033 Family Planning – effective 11/1/2018
- AC 18-036 Dental Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) – effective 12/1/2018
- AC 19-001 Program Integrity – Beneficiary Health Management – effective 1/1/19
- AC 19-002 Tobacco Cessation – proposed effective 3/1/2019
- AC 19-003 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – TBD
- AC 19-010 Mass Adjustments and Timely Filing – TBD
- AC 19-011 Private Duty Nursing – TBD
- AC 19-012 Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Services – TBD
- AC 19-013 Three (3) Day Window Payment – effective 9/1/2019
- AC 19-014 Mammoplasty – effective 2/9/2019
- AC 19-015 Provider Based Billing – effective 1/1/2019

2. Bariatric Surgery Update

- Dr. Jason Dees presented a document outlining coverage criteria and submitted to the committee for approval. He also explained the financial impact information was not available but should be available at the next meeting.
- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos made a motion to approve the bariatric surgery criteria
 - **Request to approve the bariatric surgery criteria**
 - *Motion to approve: Dr. Steve Demetropoulos*
 - *Second: Dr. Thomas Dobbs*
 - *The motion was approved unanimously*
- Dr. Demetropoulos requested the financial impact be available at next meeting.

3. EPSDT & Sports Physical Update

- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos requested Dr. Jason Dees provide an update.
- Dr. Dees proposed a pilot project to bring EPSDT and sports physicals together. He expressed that sometimes, sports physicals are not thorough enough. EPSDT services provided in a doctor's office are much more involved. These physicals would take place in the doctor's office. The pilot project would take place in specified counties. Dr. Dees requested the committee's approval for a pilot project.

- Dr. Thomas Dobbs suggested immunizations also be part of this project to help drive increased immunization coverage.
- Conversation ensued regarding the possibility of an overwhelming number of physicals needed and limits of available providers. This pilot will best answer those concerns.
 - **Request to approve pilot project to integrate EPSDT with sports physicals**
 - *Motion to approve: Dr. Edward Hill*
 - *Second: Dr. Steve Demetropoulos*
 - *The motion was approved unanimously*

4. LARC/ 17p Update

- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos referenced the long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) study completed by the Center for Mississippi Health Policy (CMHC) and requested Dr. Jason Dees to pull together stakeholders to see what we need to do to identify barriers to use.
- Dr. Dees would like to get more information from the beneficiary side and referenced the next study to be released by CMHC from the patient perspective to also identify barriers. Dr. Dees suggested there may be educational opportunities for providers and members of the committee and recommended managed care organizations work with active duty medical partners to address. A copy of the full study will be provided to the committee.
- Dr. Demetropoulos requested the beneficiary study information for the next meeting.
- Dr. Demetropoulos suggest the same process with 17p utilization as with LARCs.
- Dr. Dees explained that 17p is now a focus for the CCOs as well and that about 95% of pregnant women are with the CCOs.

5. Behavioral Health Readmission

- Dr. Jason Dees informed the committee that this project is up and running. This came about at request of providers and the issues have been identified. The CCOs and the providers now have plans to address the issues. Next meeting scheduled in a few weeks.

Dr. Demetropoulos briefly explained cost associated with tobacco use and asked that the Committee and others support a smoking utilization fee. Dr. Edward Hill also offered supporting information including how one state requires a tobacco license.

6. Prosthetics Coverage- not addressed as an agenda item.

V. New Business – Presentations

1. UMMC Pediatric Cardiac Services (Presentation attached.)

- Guy B. Giesecke, CEO of Children's of Mississippi outlined 1) the mission and vision of Children's of Mississippi; 2) statistics about the hospital and various forms of recognition the hospital has received; and 3) Children's cardiac services expansion. Mr. Giesecke also stated that Children's of Mississippi is at a competitive disadvantage. Children's of Mississippi has requested that Mississippi Medicaid congenital heart patients (including in-utero patients) not located in boarder counties receive care in Mississippi.
- Dr. Brian Kogon, Chief of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at UMMC and Children's Hospital outlined 1) the Children's Heart Center and shared statistics; 2) the current situation in relation to the out-migration of patients; and 3) the challenges that Children's of Mississippi faces.
- Dave Estorge asked how many pediatric heart surgeons are in the United States. Dr. Kogon replied 200-250.
- Mr. Estorge also inquired as to how UMMC was able to get Dr. Kogon to the state of Mississippi. Dr. Kogon replied that he realized he could do the more for children here in Mississippi. After being asked, Dr. Kogon explained they probably need about 500 cases a year to have a solid two-surgeon program.
- Dr. Steve Demetropoulos explained that while he supports keeping care in the state, he also understands the hardship this might cause families as well. There was discussion about current marketing efforts at UMMC with OB, Pediatric and other providers to impact current practices of referring out of state care. Mr. Giesecke stated that Louisiana Medicaid does not reimburse Mississippi providers for these services. There was also discussion regarding possible discussions between Mississippi and Louisiana Medicaid programs to have a reciprocal arrangement. Dr. Jason Dees proposed next steps by taking a closer look at current state policy to assist the committee in making an informed decision.

2. Navigant Payment Study Presentation (Study Attached)

- Presented by Navigant staff Catherine Sreckovich and John Azpietia
- Navigant staff reviewed the study including 1) the comparison of Mississippi's statistics and enrollment to neighboring states; 2) analysis of what the impact of five percent reduction in services would be; 3) fee for service rate comparisons; and 4) recommendations and other considerations for the Mississippi Division of Medicaid.
- Discussion and questions were posed regarding current reimbursement, value based payment modeling, reimbursement, and legislative authority regarding different payment models.
- Dr. Demetropoulos suggested the committee use the information in this study to think about next steps to reward quality without decreases in access.

3. Long Term Care & Waiver Overview (Handout attached)

- Dr. Jason Dees provided an overview of the LTC handout of the programs and waivers not included in managed care. Dr. Steve Demetropoulos asked for more information as to what changes are needed in these programs. Dr. Dees explained consistency across programs is needed and suggested taking a closer look at waiver slot funding. Wil Ervin explained differences in admission to NF vs. HCBS and waiver waitlist(s). Dr. Demetropoulos suggested a possible workgroup be formed. The Committee members were told the Commission on Expanded Medicaid Managed Care (CEMMC) is also looking at these programs as well.

VII. Final Comments/ Action Items

- Finalize bariatric surgery policy proposal for presentation to the MCAC
- Develop pilot project to integrate EPSDT services and sports physicals
- Evaluate feedback on LARCs and look at barriers to 17P utilization
- Provide an update on health admission rates and behavior health
- Provide an update on prosthetics coverage for adults
- Further evaluate Pediatric Cardiac Services and the development of a policy similar to Louisiana Medicaid
- Continue evaluation of the Navigant study
- Look more closely at Long Term Care
- Review the findings of the Commission on Expanding Managed Care

VIII. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 7, 2019

VIII. Adjournment

Dr. Steve Demetropoulos adjourned the meeting.