

MINUTES

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Initiatives Financial Workgroup

December 7, 2020
1:00 pm- 2:50 pm
Teleconference/Zoom

In Attendance

Tiffany Wolfgang, Linda Reidt Kilber, Belinda Nelson, Terry Dosch, Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen, Deanna Nolan, Stacy Bruels, Doug Dix, Laura Schaeffer, Steven Gordon, Akber Sakib, Thomas Stanage, Sarah Wellner, Laura Ringling; Amy Hartman, Laurie Mikkonen

Not Present: Jennifer Humphrey

Welcome and Introductions

- Doug Dix welcomed the group.
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Review and Finalize Minutes from the October 14th Meeting

- Tom Stanage moved to approve the minutes. Belinda Nelson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
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Review CBISA, Telebased Services, ART and MRT

- Doug Dix provided an overview of the CBISA time study survey results conducted during the month of October. The workgroup discussed the reported units for collateral contacts and email correspondence indicating the low volume likely is a result of a small allotment of time, meaning a five minute phone call or three minute email would not meet the threshold for a 15-minute unit; therefore, it wouldn't be calculated into the reported units. The group size from the October time study were compared with the generalized provider survey in September. There was discussion of group size being able to be larger in larger cities such as Sioux Falls and Rapid City, but outside of those locations, group sizes tended to be smaller as well as likely smaller in October as a result of the pandemic. Telehealth group sizes also tend to be smaller to be manageable.
- Doug Dix also walked through the Year 2 Outpatient SUD model and indexing to FY20 as part of the CBISA model. Using the indexed modeled rate, a revenue

projection per hour was developed and walked through with the group. Based on the revenue projection, it appeared as though provider costs would be covered if group sizes averaged three to four individuals. The model would also allow for reimbursement of collateral and individual sessions at the individual modeled rate.

- The workgroup discussed needing more time to process the proposed model. Workgroup members voiced concerns related to an increase of wait time to attempt to obtain larger group sizes. This would have an adverse effect on individuals as well as referral sources. The workgroup discussed the rural rate and continuing to apply the rural rate based upon group size. Providers should send feedback regarding group size and any additional feedback to DSS by December 14. DSS will review feedback and consider factors related to group size in establishing a potential rural rate. A new meeting has been set for January 7, 2021.
- Moving to Telebased services, Doug Dix walked through information regarding costs of telehealth delivery based upon information largely provided by LSS. Documented costs included the cost of the device, a wi-fi device, and monthly data charges. The workgroup agreed with the costs outlined and would be a good place to start. The workgroup acknowledged an increase in telehealth delivery in light of the pandemic and noted client connectivity continues to be an issue. Reimbursement of these costs will assist in providing telehealth services. The workgroup should provide feedback regarding how reimbursement for the telehealth equipment would occur. This conversation will continue into the spring with the FFT rates.
- Last, Doug Dix provided the overview of the follow up from the prior meeting related to ART and MRT in comparing ART to the CYF model and removal of the telehealth costs from the CJI MRT model. The workgroup provided agreement with the revisions and moving forward with the models proposed to align ART with the CYF model and the CJI MRT model with the Year 2 Outpatient SUD model.

Next Steps

- Providers will send feedback on the CBISA group sizes and how to incorporate this into a rural rate model as well as overall feedback on the CBISA information presented by December 14.
- Providers will also consider and provide feedback on how it would make sense to bill the costs related to the telehealth equipment. This feedback can be provided anytime and will likely continue as part of the discussion in the spring.
- An additional workgroup meeting has been scheduled for January 7, 2021 to review the CBISA model and rural rate.
- DSS will send out a doodle poll late January to early February to resume meetings in late March.

Public Comment

- Doug Dix asked for any public comment. Being none, the meeting was adjourned.