



Bayou Health Quality Committee (BHQC)

July 26, 2013

2:00 pm-4:00 pm

628 N. Fourth Street, Room 118 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Conference Call: 888-278-0296; Access Code: 6556479#

Meeting Notes

Attendees Committee Members		
Rebekah Gee, M.D.	Chair, BHQC	Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Brian Sibley, M.D.	Pediatrician	Special Needs Children Acadiana
Marcus Wallace, M.D.	Senior Medical Director	Amerigroup
Yolonda Hill-Spooner, M.D.	Medical Director	LaCare
David E. Thomas, M.D.	Medical Director	Louisiana Healthcare Connections
Ann Kay Logarbo, M.D.	Medical Director	United Healthcare Community Plan
Stewart Gordon	Medical Director	Community Health Solutions
John A. Vanchiere, M.D.	Pediatrician	Pediatric Infectious Disease
Sandra Blake, MBA, PhD/Eddy Myers	Director, Office of Outcome Research & Evaluation	College of Pharmacy University of Louisiana at Monroe
James Hussey, M.D.	Medical Director	Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership
Justin Bennett	Nurse Practitioner	Rural Health Nursing
Lyn Kieltyka, PhD	Epidemiologist	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Mary Noel	Director of Case Management	HCA Mid America

Guest Speakers/Presenters:

Shantelle Graves, Director of Respiratory, Our Lady of the Lake Hospital,

Kristin Lyman, Louisiana Public Health Institute

Sue Catchings, East Baton Rouge Parish Health Centers in Schools

Coletta Barrett, Vice President, Mission , Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

2:00-2:10 PM: Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions--Dr. Rebekah Gee, Chair, Bayou Health Quality Committee, Medicaid Medical Director, Louisiana

Dr. Gee suggested changing the meeting time and asked for input regarding specific physician schedules if there are conflicts with an earlier time for Fridays. Dr. Gee also introduced new staff members: Mark Perry, MPA (Quality Unit Program Manager II), Jamie Alexander, MPH, MS (Quality Unit Program Monitor), Rebecca Gurvich, MPH (Quality Unit Program Manager I), and Dwana Green, MPH (Quality Unit Program Manager-Medicaid Analyst).

2:10-2:40 PM: Old Business:

- **Obstetric risk assessment tool**—Dr. Rebekah Gee: IHI will be working with us to pilot the one single OB risk assessment tool that has been produced in partnership with IPRO and the Bayou Health Plans.
- **Choosing Wisely**—Dr. Rebekah Gee: We have asked for your input on this; we need your ideas. American Board of Internal Medicine has a list of tests of ‘no value’ at the very least and at worst, harmful [List is included in your binders Section 5 misc. material]. We are expecting your suggestions. Dr. Gee suggests that we cover every vaccine.
- **Update on EPSDT Periodicity Schedule and Enrollee Reports** — Dr. Brian Sibley suggested one unified schedule for well-child visits across plans. Justin Bennett mentioned that we currently have three separate schedules that five different plans are attempting to follow. These include: Old Medicaid schedule, Medicaid “revised” schedule, and the AAP Bright Futures schedule.
- **Low Level Emergency Department Visit Authorization** — Dr. Brian Sibley. Mary Johnson mentioned that all data hasn’t been on the table. From Jerry → Reg. rule-making process/rule planned before the end of the year.
- **Vaccine Administration Modifiers** — Dr. Brian Sibley stated that we need consistency; some plans require modifiers while others don’t [coding, etc.]. Mary suggested that we re-poll the plans. LA Care: Removed, United: never had, Amerigroup, is it required? We need answers from medical directors in writing/via email.

Discussion-Q & A

2:50-3:45 New Business:

- **Update on Payment for Primary Care Services with Affordable Care Act Enhanced Rates** (See Meeting Material attachments) — Mary Johnson, Bayou Health Deputy Director
- **Bayou Health Performance Measure Targets for 2014 and process for setting 2015 Targets** — Mary Johnson, Bayou Health Deputy Director (See Meeting Materials): Mary mentioned that we need suggestions on accomplishing the 2015 objectives/targets. We need your suggestions that are “achievable” but “also making progress.” We need this by Aug 25, 2013. We will set up a call and then compile across members’ recommendations.
- **Requirement for Pre-authorization of Medications to Treat Sexually-Transmitted Infections** — Dr. John A. Vanchiere, Pediatric Infectious Disease and Pediatrics; why is there a required pre-authorization for syphilis treatment? Bicillin is the standard of care. Suggestion is to streamline formulary for providers. Dr. David Thomas mentioned that perhaps the issue is at the pharmacy level; there used to be 1 PDL with Medicaid before. Dr. Sibley agrees but also mentioned that the pharmacist is appropriately submitting the claim however, it is getting rejected. Dr. Gee suggested that the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy as well as the Compounding Pharmacist Association should be at the table on this issue. She also asked if this should be a Simplification Committee role.

Simplification Committee update: they helped ensure that the PDL’s are available online and also required Plans to keep the PDL links static/unchanging. This will be included in the next meeting agenda.

- **Update on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovations Grant** — Kristin Lyman, Louisiana Public Health Institute (See Meeting Materials)
- **Update on efforts to address pediatric asthma in East Baton Rouge Parish School District** — Shantelle Graves, Our Lady of the Lake Hospital (See Meeting Materials)
- **Bayou Health Plans Diabetes Plans Updates** (Tabled for Next Meeting)

- **Follow up on disease based discussion groups (fee schedule)** — Regarding the fee schedule or disease/condition framework, Dr. Gee suggested taking a conscious look at what we're doing and why. For example, we should want all vaccines covered. Additionally, BRCA testing is very much on the national agenda. We need to be more proactive about these decisions. We need input from the provider committee. What are your thoughts on engaging the community? Who do we engage ahead of time? Fee schedules really set the standard. Dr. Vanchiere added that genetic testing is necessary for diagnosis in cases of Cystic Fibrosis. Dr. Thomas agreed and also mentioned the process of genetic testing/diagnostic patterns is dynamic. Ex. "23 & Me" BRCA disparity in testing. Coletta Barrett also requested commitment from plans to cover home assessment for asthma. Dr. Gee would like to set up an email conversation so that plans may commit in writing. Ex. LHC saves \$1.6M.
 - Dr. Gee referenced the Institute of Medicine Committee report on regional cost variation findings: In America, six of the ten highest Medicare spending areas are in Louisiana!

3:45 PM-4:00 PM Discussion and Next Steps

Dr. Rebekah Gee

Next Meeting:

October 25, 2013

2:00 PM-4:00 PM, Room 118,

DHH Bienville Building Baton Rouge, LA

Action Items

- **Committee Members**: By the next meeting, suggest which things have no value (for removal) etc. [for details see Old Business Choosing Wisely].
- **Dr. Logarbo and Committee Members**: A decision should be made on which schedule will be the unified schedule [for details see Old Business: Update on EPSDT Periodicity Schedule and Enrollee Reports]. Dr. Logarbo will send schedules and Aug. 9, 2013, (2 weeks from meeting date) a decision should be made via conference call.
- **Plan Managers**: We need ER utilization data from each plan prior to the Aug 9, 2013 call. [for details see Old Business: Update on EPSDT Periodicity Schedule

and Enrollee Reports]. Per Dr. Gee, how do we use this committee on this issue? We need more input from members on this issue? Aug 9, 2013, we need more input from members via conference call and we need ER utilization from plans prior to call. Mary Noel mentioned that the committee is not completely unilateral in representing Hospital Association and that the **website** needs Midlevel ER visits (along with the already posted, low-level, and high-level ER visits). Kevin Bridwell with the Hospital Association suggested looking at this from 'all' angles. Dr. Gee suggested we work on a list of people who could provide input especially ideas from hospital ER physicians.

- **Plan Medical Directors:** We need to know if you require vaccine modifiers. [For details see Old Business Vaccine Administration Modifiers].
- **Agenda for Next meeting:** Health Plans Diabetes Plans Updates: This still needs to be discussed
- **Agenda for Next meeting:** Suggestions on streamlining formulary for providers; get Board of Pharmacy and Compounding Pharmacist Association involvement/input [for details see New Business: Requirement for Pre-authorization of Medications to Treat Sexually-Transmitted Infections]
- Dr. Vanchiere mentioned that the last set of meeting notes incorrectly mentioned him as the lead on the Birth Outcomes Initiative
- **Mary Johnson** will set up a call regarding compiling your suggestions on how we may accomplish the Bayou Health Performance Measure targets for 2014 and process for setting 2015 targets. We need suggestions that are achievable yet we are able to be in the process of making progress on. Mary will also email her meeting material attachments.
- **Dr. Gee and Plan Managers/Medical Directors:** Coletta Barrett also requested commitment from plans to cover home assessment. Dr. Gee would like to set up an email conversation so that plans may commit in writing. [for details see New Business Follow up on disease based discussion groups (fee schedule)]