

Name of Meeting: Pharmacy Liaison Committee  
Date of Meeting: November 2, 2017  
Length of Meeting: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location of Meeting: DMAS 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room B

Committee Members (or representative) Present:  
Bill Hancock, Long Term Care Pharmacy Coalition  
William Droppleman, Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores  
Alicia Cundiff, Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA)  
Richard Grossman, PhRMA  
Lindsay Walton, EPIC Pharmacies

DMAS Attendees:  
Donna Proffitt, Pharmacy Manager  
Keith Hayashi, Pharmacist  
Rachel Cain, PharmD  
Danielle Adeeb, PBM Contract Monitor  
Dean Beuglass, Pharmacist

Other Attendees:  
Mickey Minnick, Otsuka Pharmaceuticals  
Rick Shin, Virginia Community Healthcare Association  
David Christian, Central Virginia Health Services  
Emiley Bagalawis, Virginia Commonwealth University  
Tyler Cox, Medical Society of Virginia  
Jodi Roth, Virginia Chain Drug Stores

### **Introductions**

Donna Proffitt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Ms. Proffitt requested Dean Beuglass, R.Ph., Senior Pharmacy Policy and Data Strategist, share his new role and responsibilities with the committee.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 2018**

Ms. Proffitt asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the draft meeting minutes from July 2018. With none noted, the minutes were approved by the Committee.

### **New Business**

#### **Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS)**

Ms. Proffitt provided a brief update of DMAS' ARTS program that was launched on April 1, 2017. There are now 79 Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) providers available to DMAS members, allowing them to receive the counseling and therapies they require to be successful.

The Health plans have been very supportive by encouraging their members to receive their care from the OBOTs.

### **Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Plus Program (formerly MLTSS)**

Ms. Proffitt provided an update regarding CCC Plus which is a new statewide Medicaid managed care program that will serve approximately 212,000 individuals with complex care needs, through an integrated delivery model, across the full continuum of care. The CCC Plus includes all aged, blind and disabled (ABD) populations, dual eligibles and LTSS populations.

Beginning August 1, 2017, approximately 20-25,000 members are transitioning from FFS to CCC Plus monthly. Ms. Proffitt shared that this has resulted in a number of denied pharmacy claims because pharmacies are continuing to bill Medicaid FFS instead of the member's new CCC Plus health plan. In response to these denials, DMAS' new Pharmacy Benefit Manager Solution (PBMS) is sending a message back to pharmacies stating the member is in managed care and providing the name of the plan, and PCN and BIN numbers. In addition, Ms. Proffitt encouraged the community pharmacies to email any questions or concerns to the CCC Plus inbox, [cccplus@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:cccplus@dmas.virginia.gov) for assistance.

### **Medallion 4.0 Procurement**

Ms. Proffitt provided a brief update regarding the new Medallion 4.0 Program. Since there is currently an open procurement for the Medallion 4.0, Ms. Proffitt could only share information publically available on the DMAS website. The Medallion 4.0 program will provide services approximately 737,000 Medicaid and FAMIS eligible members including infants, children and adults in the low income families with children (LIFC) group, pregnant women, FAMIS MOMS, foster care and adoption assistance, children with special health care needs, and teens. DMAS to announce awards by late Fall 2017.

### **Pharmacy Benefit Manager Solution (PBMS) for FFS**

Ms. Proffitt gave an update on the new pharmacy benefit manager solution (PBMS) that was awarded to Magellan Medicaid Administration (MMA). MMA now provides all FFS pharmacy services including claims adjudication, drug rebate invoicing, service authorizations (traditional and automated), and Preferred Drug List management. In the near future, the MMA will support e-prescribing, capture lab values which will be available for clinical value based monitoring, and allow prescribers to complete service authorizations through a web portal.

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#### **OTCs**

Ms. Proffitt shared with the Committee that DMAS has revised the OTC coverage. The OTC list contains 15 to 20 therapeutic classes which are not all rebateable. The new PBMS, Magellan will be able to allow nonrebateable products to be covered only if there is no rebateable product available.

#### **PENDED Pharmacy Claims**

Pharmacy claims which exceed \$9999.99 no longer pend for a review. Pharmacy claims greater than \$4999.99 will deny with NCPDP error code 75 – PA required. Pharmacists can call the

Help Desk (800-932-6648) to request the service authorization (SA). The prescriber does not need to submit the SA request.

DMAS' new PBMS has established thresholds for a number of high cost drugs which will enable these drugs to adjudicate without a service authorization if the billed cost is below the established threshold.

**Initiatives for the Promotion of Cost-Effective Services**

Ms. Proffitt asked the Committee members if they would like to share any initiatives for the promotion of cost-effective services delivery or input regarding pharmacy provisions in the development and enforcement of all managed care contracts as required in the 2017 Virginia Acts of Assembly Item 306 M. The Committee did not have any recommendations.

**Next meeting**

The next PLC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July17, 2018 10AM-12PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.