



## MINUTES

### **Attendees**

Joseph J. Chiaro, M.D., CMS Deputy Secretary  
Gerold L. Schiebler, M.D., CMS Statewide Consultant

#### Northwest Florida Region:

Robert Wilson, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Pensacola

#### Big Bend Region:

Mary Beth Seay, M.D., Medical Director  
Julia St. Petery, M.D., Assistant Medical Director & Primary Care Medical Director  
Susan Cross, M.D., Assistant Medical Director

#### North Central Region:

Rick Bucciarelli, M.D., Regional Medical Director  
Thomas Chiu, M.D., Assistant Regional Medical Director  
Ted Saha, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Ocala  
Jeffery Goldhagen, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Jacksonville

#### Tampa Bay Region:

John Curran, M.D., Regional Medical Director  
Timothy Gompf, M.D., Assistant Regional Medical Director, Lakeland  
Rani Gereige, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, St. Petersburg

#### Central Florida Region:

Ayodeji Otegbeye, M.D., Regional Medical Director  
William Knappenberger, M.D., Assistant Regional Medical Director  
Henry Dumas, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Orlando  
Mihai Radu, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Rockledge

#### Southeast Florida Region:

Jaime Lambrecht, M.D., Regional Medical Director

#### Southwest Florida Region:

Barbara Rumberger, M.D., Regional Medical Director  
John Ritrosky, M.D., Medical Director, Ft. Myers  
Robert Shamsey, M.D., Medical Director, Sarasota  
Patricia Blanco, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Sarasota

#### South Florida Region:

Deise Granado-Villar, M.D., Medical Director, Miami S.  
Jeffery Brosco, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Medical Director, Miami N.

#### Guests:

Louis St. Petery, Jr., M.D.  
Sharon Rosman, Primary Care Program Administrator, Rockledge

#### CMS Central Office:

Phyllis Sloyer, R.N., Ph.D, Director, CMS Network Division  
Randy Wilcox, Chief, CMS Network Administration Bureau  
Vicki Posner, Chief, CMS Network Operations Bureau  
Lena Camperlengo, R.N., CMS Central Office Nursing Consultant



### Call to Order & Introductions

Dr. Joseph Chiaro called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made by those present.

### Review of Minutes

- **Action:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2007 Medical Director's meeting as written and previously distributed.

### Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Chiaro reported that:

1. Phyllis Sloyer has recently been selected as President-Elect of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Professionals Board of Directors.
2. Andrea Thorpe, M.D., was recently selected to receive the Rotary *Service Above Self* Award primarily for her medical mission trips to an Amerindian village in Guyana.
3. Due to her impending retirement, Delores Tamer, M.D., has submitted a letter of resignation as the Miami North Medical Director. Lee Sanders, M.D., will become the Miami North Medical Director effective July 1.
4. Since Rick Bucciarelli has been named the Interim Chair of the University of Florida's Department of Pediatrics, he will be stepping down from the Regional Medical Director position to the Medical Director of the Gainesville. Tom Chiu will assume the Regional Medical Director's position effective July 1.

### Updates

Medicaid Reform/CMS Applications for Duval/Broward Counties – Mr. Randy Wilcox provided an update regarding the enrollment status for the CMS Medicaid Reform Provider Service Networks in Duval and Broward Counties. He reported that Duval enrollments for the month of June were 1,130, which reflects the roll-over of the eligible CMS population currently served in Duval. Broward enrollment is 1,958. Mr. Wilcox reminded the Medical Directors that the Duval plan went “live” effective May 1, 2007 and began with 100 children. Mr. Wilcox reported that the Agency for Healthcare Administration conducted an on-site review of the Broward CMS plan. The results of the review were very positive and provided a good opportunity for the AHCA staff to gain a better understanding of the CMS program.

Legislative Budget Request for 08/09 – Mr. Wilcox reported that the Department of Health has begun the process of developing the Legislative Budget Request for FY 2008 / 2009. Mr. Wilcox referenced the communication that he had sent to the field requesting that preliminary issues be submitted by June 20<sup>th</sup> for consideration by Dr. Chiaro and the CMS Central Office Management team.

Information System Update – Mr. Wilcox reported that work was continuing to progress on the new CMS data structure. He reported that the archive box tracking system for closed client records is nearing completion. This system will allow CMS area offices to send closed records to Tallahassee for storage, with the capability of retrieving specific records within 24 hours. Mr. Wilcox also referenced that the Request for Information (RFI) that was issued to solicit responses from interested third party administrator (TPA) companies resulted in eight responses. CMS Central Office staff will be reviewing those responses with the assistance of a



consultant to obtain the necessary information for CMS to proceed with the development of the issuance of a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage a TPA.

Ms. Vicki Posner reported that Central Office Provider Management Unit staff have been working with the project manager to automate all CMS Network (including Early Steps) provider applications. The projected timeline for the implementation of an electronic application process is the end of the current calendar year. This electronic application process will significantly decrease the amount of manual data entry required by Central Office staff.

KidCare Title XXI Legislative Update – Dr. Phyllis Sloyer reported that several proposed KidCare bills were introduced during the 2007-2008 legislative session, however, none of them passed. The bills focused on administrative process changes and organizational changes. It is unlikely that KidCare legislation will be placed on the call for the special legislative session concerning property taxes. In the meantime, CMS did receive the appropriation necessary to cover our projected enrollment during the next fiscal year. We will be working with the KidCare partners on any administrative process changes that can be made without changes to law.

Statewide Consultant Update - Dr. Gerold Schiebler presented his report (see CMS *Statewide Consultant Report* attached).

Dr. Chiaro adjourned the meeting of the CMS Medical Directors at 10:40 a.m.  
Dr. Chiaro reconvened the meeting of the CMS Medical Directors at 11:15 a.m.

**Committee Reports:**

Financial Management Workgroup – Dr. Tom Chiu, committee chair, reported that a surplus in the CMS salary category will be used to help offset current expense and purchased client services (PCS) deficits. The PCS deficit is projected at approximately \$600,000 and the expense deficit is projected at \$87,000. Dr. Chiu also reported that a salary rate reallocation from the Tampa area office and from CMS Central Office reserve has been allocated to Miami and Rockledge area offices to assist those offices in filling vacant nursing positions. Remaining salary rate in other offices is to be used on a priority basis for nursing staff pay equity. Remaining funds may be used for critical special pay increases. Dr. Chiu also mentioned that a computer refresh had been planned for the end of this fiscal year. That activity has been postponed and will be implemented during the first quarter of the upcoming fiscal year.

Medical Procedures and Equipment Advisory Committee (MPEAC) – Dr. Gompf reported that there was nothing new to report since the last Medical Director's meeting. The next MPEAC meeting is scheduled for June 11.

Physician Review Committee - Dr. Julia St. Petery deferred her report to Ms. Posner.  
Physician Approval Quarterly Reports – Ms. Posner highlighted three reports that contain two quarters worth of data since implementation of the hybrid process which incorporated CMS area office provider relations liaison staff into the application process. The first graph demonstrated that the inclusion of the provider relations liaison staff in the process of acquiring application information has not delayed the submission of applications to Central Office. The second graph showed that the percentage of incomplete applications received by Central Office has been



reduced by 38 percentage points from the same quarter of the previous year. The third graph showed that overall approval timeframes have improved.

### **New Business**

MedImpact Utilization Review Process – Ms. Posner reported that MedImpact, CMS's contracted pharmacy benefits manager, has the ability to produce retrospective drug use evaluations (DUE) reports for our enrolled Title XXI and Safety Net Clients. The purpose of the reports is to promote quality, and cost effective drug therapy for CMS enrollees. The DUE reports review the medication profiles of patients who received four or more prescriptions for a particular class of medication; i.e., asthma medication, over a 12 month period. In the example of asthma, enrollees are selected for review if they did not receive a controller medication such as an inhaled corticosteroid, leukotriene, or other alternative controller medication during that same 12 month period. Each report provides the CMS Network primary care physician an individual client's prescription summary with dates that each prescription was filled and the name of the prescribing physician.

There was discussion as to whether or not the group wishes to provide DUE to participating primary care physicians. The consensus of the group was that we should provide these types of reports to Network physicians. It was suggested that medication usage reports that compare Network physician prescribing patterns to each other were actually a better way to facilitate behavior change. Ms. Posner will research this additional reporting option.

Shriners Hospital and CMS Partnership - Dennis Grogan, M.D., provided an overview of the Florida Shriners Hospital for Children, located in Tampa on the campus of University of South Florida. The hospital provides services to any child under age 18 with an orthopedic problem. There is no financial requirement and services are provided at no cost to families. Some of the more common conditions treated at the hospital are:

Scoliosis, clubfeet, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, osteogenesis imperfecta, limb-length discrepancy, limb deficiency, neuromuscular disorders, and skeletal growth abnormalities.

Children are accepted for treatment through a simple application process. Applications may be obtained through the hospital's website: [www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)

Future of Primary Care – Dr. Sloyer presented an overview of the history of the CMS Primary Care Program. Lena Camperlengo reviewed the results of the recent survey of the primary care programs that was conducted by CMS Central Office. The survey results indicated that while primary care programs are diverse in their organizational structure, they agree about taking the lead in collectively determining their future course.

Dr. Jeffery Goldhagen presented a vision of what primary care could collectively accomplish. He then facilitated a discussion about the future direction of primary care within the CMS Network. The medical directors agreed to meet with Primary Care Program Administrators in September to formalize a Network of CMS Primary Care Programs. The Primary Care Network will serve to share information and best practices, provide structure to address possible combined research, seek funding opportunities, and create standards and guidelines for CMS Primary Care Programs, and plan for Medicaid Reform.



**Medical Directors Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport  
June 9, 2007**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2007 in Orlando at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport hotel.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dr. Chiaro adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.