



MINUTES

Attendees

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

Northwest Florida Region:

Rex Northup, M.D., Regional 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:

Thomas Chiu, M.D., Regional Medical Director
Rick Bucciarelli, M.D., Assistant Regional Medical Director
David Kays, M.D., Medical Director, North Referral Center
Ted Saha, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Ocala
Michael Bell, M.D., Medical Director, Daytona
Andrea Thorpe, M.D., Primary Care Medical Director, Daytona
Mobeen Rathore, M.D., Medical Director, Jacksonville
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

Southeast Florida Region:

Southwest Florida Region:

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

South Florida Region:

Andrew Kairalla, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Miami S.

Guests:

Louis St. Petery, Jr., M.D.

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
Lois Taylor, R.N., Unit Director, CMS Newborn Screening
Mark Huston, Project Manager, CMS Information System



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 September 8, 2007 Medical Director's meeting as written and previously distributed.

Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Chiaro recognized the following CMS Medical Director accomplishments:

- Dr. Gerold L. Schiebler (along with Dr. Guy Selander) received the Florida Board of Medicine's Chairman's Recognition Award, for their seminal work with the Professionals Resource Network (PRN). The PRN has successfully and discretely facilitated the rehabilitation and safe return to practice of many individuals in our state.
- Dr. William Knappenberger has an article about Children's Medical Services included in the inaugural issue of Space Coast Medicine.
- Dr. Deise Granado-Villar has been appointed Chair of the Council on Community Pediatrics by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Updates

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

Medicaid Reform: Duval/Broward Counties – Mr. Randy Wilcox reported that Dr. Andrew Agwunobi, Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration announced this past week that the agency would not recommend that the legislature not proceed with further implementation of Medicaid Reform the 08-09 fiscal year. Mr. Wilcox also reported that AHCA announced internally that Deputy Secretary and State Medicaid Director, Tom Arnold will be leaving AHCA to accept the Deputy Secretary position at DOH that is responsible for oversight of County Health Units. AHCA has sent each Reform Provider Service Network an application for converting from a fee for service plan to a capitated plan. The conversion date for the CMS reform plans is tentatively set for December 2009. Mr. Wilcox reported that Dr. Sloyer and he met with AHCA representatives to discuss alternative financing approaches that would be more realistic for relatively small plans that serve a special needs population. Dr. Sloyer is preparing a paper to propose an alternative model that will be discussed with AHCA during January.

Budget Update – Dr. Sloyer provided information on a) budget reductions and b) agency budget request.

Budget Reductions: Overall, the Department of Health primarily sustained administrative reductions during the special session that occurred to manage the one billion dollar shortfall in the state's general revenue. A second revenue estimating conference was held in November, 2007 and an additional shortfall of over one billion dollars was projected at that time for this fiscal year. Continued revenue declines are projected for at least the next fiscal year. It is not known at this time how the additional one billion dollar shortfall will be handled this fiscal year; however, there are indications that it will be attended to during the first week of the 2008-2009 legislative session in March, 2008. In the meantime, we are taking measures to control expenditures.

Agency Budget Request: The department requested preliminary legislative issues from the various divisions and county health departments. After a prioritization of the issues, senior staff met with the governor's budget office and a final list of issues was prepared for the agency budget request. Children's Medical Services has several issues in the request including continuation funding for the implementation of

a new information system, budget authority for the Early Steps Program, and budget authority for the Newborn Screening Program. In addition, there are two fixed capital outlay requests for CMS – Miami Dade County and Brevard County. All of the CMS issues would be funded through trust fund dollars.

Newborn Screening Report - Lois Taylor gave a presentation on the Newborn Screening Program providing the Medical Directors with an update on the disorders screened and confirmed since the expanded screenings were implemented. She discussed cystic fibrosis (CF) screening in particular and what is being learned as a result of CF screening. Ms. Taylor also discussed the role of the CMS area office in the newborn screening process.

Committee Reports

Financial Management Workgroup (FMW) – Dr. Tom Chiu, committee chair, reported the spending plan for CMS is somewhat misleading due to the 4% with-hold that the Governor has implemented. The 4% has been taken from CMS headquarters with the exception of salary and benefits which was pulled statewide. Based on current vacancies and the requirement that all vacant positions must be approved to by the DOH Chief of Staff before even being advertised, there is an overall budget surplus in salaries. The expense budget is projected to have a deficit of \$209,000. A budget amendment will be prepared to offset this deficit by using non-recurring cash. Title XXI has an overall surplus cash status of \$18 million. There is more than enough cash and budget to support services to children enrolled in this program. If any office is projecting a shortfall they should contact Randy Wilcox or Connie Blackman and request an increase in their allocation. The Purchase Client Services (PCS) budget for Safety Net is projecting a small surplus at this time. However because of the 4% withhold adjustments may need to be made to local allocations which will impact this program. The FMW decided to hold off on a reallocation of the PCS budget until July 1st. Previously the FMW was recommending that a reallocation be implemented in January based on the clean up of the data reflecting the status of children enrolled in the Safety Net program.

PCS/Pharmacy Benefits Management - Dr. Chiu facilitated a discussion on PCS/Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) expenditures. He shared a report that listed the PCS to TXXI allocation ratio of each Area Office. The wide variation of ratios indicates that the provision of PCS funded pharmacy services pharmacy varies greatly from office to office. This comparison was for informational purposes only but it was hoped that it would stimulate 'best practices' information sharing among offices in order to improve procedures on a statewide basis.

Medical Procedures and Equipment Advisory Committee (MPEAC) – Dr. Gompf reported that the Committee had met on December 3 and discussed the following topics:

- Genetics Testing – Consulted with geneticists to obtain their assistance in developing recommendations for a prioritization of disorders to assist CMS Medical Directors in making referrals. The geneticists were unable to make any recommendations. The Committee is working on developing a standardized CMS Genetics Test Request form.
- Procedural Sedation – A survey of the CMS area offices revealed that there is no current usage of nor demand for procedural sedation in CMS clinics. Given that fact and the significant potential safety, training, and legal issues, the Committee recommends that procedural sedation not be performed in CMS clinics.
- External Defibrillators – The committee does not recommend external defibrillators for home use.
- Wound VAC (vacuum assisted closure) – The Committee is developing a checklist to provide guidance regarding Wound VAC approval.

Physician Review Committee - Dr. Julia St. Petery deferred her report to Ms. Posner. Ms. Posner reviewed the quarterly Provider Management Report and highlighted three performance measures.

- The first measure reflects the CMS Area Office Provider Relations Liaisons' review process:

During the 1st quarter of 07-08, the percentage of incomplete applications received was 25.2%; a 3.7% decrease (improvement) from the 4th quarter 06-07; and a 37.4% decrease from the 3rd quarter. This is a significant improvement for which the provider relation's staff deserve recognition.

- The second measure reflects the CMS Central Office staff review and verification processes: During the 1st quarter of 07-08, the percentage of applications approved within 60-120 days of being deemed complete was 92.7%, a 2% increase (improvement) from the 4th quarter 06-07 and a 1.9% decline from the 3rd quarter. Of particular note was the significant decline over the last three quarters in the percentage of applications that took longer than 120 days to become approved (less than 10% for three straight quarters).
- The third measure reflects the overall timeframe for approval from date of receipt by HCMS: During the 1st quarter of 07-08, the percentage of applications approved within 60-120 days of HCMS receipt was 76.2%; a 22.0% increase (improvement) from the 4th quarter 06-07 and a 13.9% improvement from the 3rd quarter.

Old Business

Adolescent Transition - Dr. Chiaro shared a summary of some of the CMS area office transition initiatives that have been reported to CMS Central Office staff. He encouraged the Medical Directors to review what the various offices are doing and possibly borrow ideas from some of the best practices. There was discussion of some of these initiatives and the lack of adult providers willing to accept CMS young adults in some areas of the state. A suggestion was made to not forget about the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) an under utilized resource for primary care for the young adult.

CAP Revisions Update – Ms. Posner provided a brief update on planned Child Assessment and Plan (CAP) revisions. The revisions will occur over the next six months and were prioritized to address those that impact redetermination numbers and care coordination exclusions first.

Primary Care Program Functions – Dr. Jeff Goldhagen provided a follow-up on the CMS Primary Care Programs' initial meeting on June 9 and informed the group that the Primary Care Administrators have decided to conduct quarterly conference calls to discuss common goals and issues.

Information System Report - Dr. Mark Huston provided an update on the progress of the CMS Information System acquisition.

New Business

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Prophylaxis – Dr. Mobeen Rathore initiated a discussion on the use of RSV prophylaxis in Florida. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) both recognize that Florida has a longer RSV season than other states; however Florida Medicaid does not fund RSV prophylaxis for the duration of Florida's expanded season. Dr. John Curran recommended that CMS and the Florida Pediatric Society (FPS) work collaboratively to obtain Florida RSV data and develop cost/benefit analysis of funding RSV prophylaxis versus not. He also suggested that FPS representatives meet with AHCA representatives to present these cost/benefit data.

KidCare Outreach – Dr. Sloyer reported on current KidCare Outreach efforts. Dr. Chiaro mentioned the ability of employers to pay the KidCare premium for dependents of their employees and indicated he had shared this at a Healthy Kids Board meeting.

Because CMS Network Title XXI enrollment continues to grow, Dr. Sloyer reminded the attendees that Title XXI funds can be used to hire nurses OPS for care coordination.

Next Meeting

The proposed dates for 2008 Medical Directors Meetings are:



**Medical Directors Meeting
Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
December 8, 2007**

- March 15, 2008
- June 7, 2008
- September 13, 2008
- December 6, 2008

Due to flight limitation and budget constraints, CMS Central Office staff is investigating alternative sites for future meetings as well as the possibility of using teleconferencing for one or more quarterly meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Chiaro adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.