

Vermont Blueprint for Health Payment Implementation Workgroup

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Meeting Facilitator: Jennifer Herwood

Meeting Recorder: Nichole Bachand

Date: Wednesday October 2nd, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: Virtual / Teams

Conference Room: n/a

Teams Information:

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Agenda:

1. CHT Patients and Payments Worksheet
 - The 2024-Q4 patients and payments spreadsheet were distributed to payers.
 - The next one is expected in early January.
 - Payers may require an invoice to remit CHT payments. CIGNA requires this for CHT payments.
2. Monthly PCMH Report (Rosters) and NCQA Score Reports
 - Dr. Eric Seyferth's PCMH Practice (VT55) in Bennington Closed effective 8/31/24
3. Pregnancy Intention Program (PII) Rosters
4. Blueprint Manual Updates
5. Funding Deadlines
6. Blueprint Portal reminder to update information in the BP Portal
 - Closing all Practices and Providers that are no longer active.
 - Keeping all information up to date (NPIS, etc.).
 - Make sure the billing NPI in the portal is the NPI used when the practice bills.
 - Provider's FTE Percentage is included in the Portal.
 - Information in the Portal matches Payer's Information.
7. Other Agenda items?
8. Next meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 2024

Blueprint Central Office Attendees:

Addie Armstrong, Caleb Denton, Kara Hooper, Jenn Herwood, Julie Parker, Nichole Bachand, Mara Donohue.

PI Workgroup Attendees:

Anthony Knox - Randolph HSA, **Thomasena Coates** - QIPF Windsor, Springfield & Brattleboro HSA, **Tom Dougherty** - Springfield HSA, **Erin Aiken** - Mount Ascutney Windsor HSA, **Rachel McLaughlin** - BP QIF Burlington, **Andrew Garami** - Mt. Ascutney Hospital, **Ellen Talbert** - BP QIF Burlington, **Hannah Ancel** - BP PM Morrisville HSA

Payer Attendees:

Carol Cowan - BCBS, **Kevin Ciechon** - CIGNA, **John Urban** - MVP

- **Agenda Topic 1.** CHT Patients and Payments Worksheet
Presenter: Jenn Herwood

Notes:

Quarterly spreadsheets distributed to payers last week. The next one will be sent in early January to payers and program managers. Reminders to send invoices, some payers, like CIGNA, require them to remit CHT payments.

- **Agenda Topic 2.** Monthly PCMH Change Report (Rosters) and NCQA
Presenter: Jenn Herwood

Notes:

Dr. Seyferth's PCHM practice in Bennington closed effective 8/31/2024

- **Agenda Topic 3.** Pregnancy Intention Program (PII)
Presenter: Caleb Denton

Notes: Rosters will be sent out tomorrow. There are no practice closures or openings.

Reminder that when emails for Spoke payments are sent, we need a response within a few days, at least within a week. We have to submit the data a few days before the 1st and some folks often wait until the very last day and then we can't include their response because we've already sent out the payment amounts.

- **Agenda Topic 4.** Blueprint Manual Update
Presenter: Mara Donohue

Links: [Blueprint For Health Manual Update DRAFT ONLY](#)

Notes:

Working on updating the Blueprint Manual as it's been a couple of years since an official update. We are required to post proposed changes for public comment. The draft document is posted on our website, see link above.

Some of the high-level changes:

- Verbiage changes:
 - Women's Health Initiative (WHI) changes to Pregnancy Intention Initiative (PII)
 - Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) changes to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Changes to spoke payments. (Payments are now annual rather than quarterly.)
- Generalizing some of the specifics to be more representative to the Blueprint support healthcare reform.
- No changes in appendix.

During the first round of edits the group should focus on content areas rather than styles or topographical comments as we are still working on that. Please submit comments over the next 30 days (by October 21st).

- **Agenda Topic 5.** Funding Deadlines
Presenter: Jenn Herwood

Notes:

For quarterly payments and rosters, we have certain dates that we need to send them to the Payers. Just a reminder to make sure that the portal is up to date by the end of each month.

Caleb: Reminder when email for spoke payments are sent, we need a response within a few days, at least within a week. We have to submit the data on the 1st and some folks often wait until the very last day and then we can't include the data because we need time to pull it all together.

Jenn: Please keep everything in the portal up to date including closing practices. Make sure billing NPI is the correct NPI the practice uses to bill, making sure the portal matches the payers. The provider's FTE percentage should be included in the portal data.

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