

MINUTES
Stakeholder Conference Call
July 28, 2006

Attendees: Stakeholders, Regional Community Services Staff, HarmonyIS Milestone Oversight team, HealthCarePerspective LLC team, and Fordyce Mitchel

1. Case Management: we will be asking for a new payee number from Medicaid for Adult and Child (not Early Intervention) Targeted Case Management. The reason for this is that Early Intervention Case Management requires a prior authorization number for every child. Adult and Child Case Management also requires a prior authorization number for every child under age 18. There are approximately 150 children under 18 receiving Adult and Child Case Management, and over 1300 toddlers receiving Early Intervention Case Management. It will obviously be less painful to re-authorize 150 than 1300. We will be requesting this as soon as possible, so case management agencies should be expecting further instructions.
2. Testing in MRSIS: pilot sites have been decreased from 4 to 3, due to EDS needing to use most of its resources to develop the new MMIS system. We will still be able to test adequately, but will do so with just three provider agencies initially. We will add a case management agency later that uses SPES to bill, so that we can test the new SPES design.

We have requested, and tentatively Harmony has agreed, to providers being able to see, in two-part Harmony:

- a. The entire plan of care,
- b. A semi-real time report on Medicaid eligibility status,
- c. Their remittance advices,
- d. A financial reconciliation report, described by Becky Novak as letting a provider get a report of the results of any batch claims they submitted, and
- e. A summary of authorized amounts.

We are developing flow charts of the work process, which will guide the development of a user manual. The flow charts will be posted on the web site when developed, and we plan for this to be done by the end of August.

Questions:

John Morris, Montgomery ARC, who asked about ineligibles -- how will they get money for ineligibles?

If you are receiving money for ineligible clients right now you will continue to receive that money. We are not cutting that funding off. There is relatively little money provided for ineligible clients. What we will need to do in MRSIS is prior authorize the money. You will have to tell us who it is being spent on and for what then we will prior authorize it. In a previous meeting it was brought up that a lot of these ineligible clients do not have case managers. What you can do as a direct provider is to prepare a list of the ineligible clients that you are using state (Departmental) money to fund and what it is

they are receiving (makes sure when you add it up the sum doesn't exceed what we are actually giving you) and send that to the Regional Office.

Lafon Barlow -- could the ineligible money be given to them in 1/12th increments so that they won't draw it down too quickly? Also, they want to use their local funding with the ineligible funding.

If you are receiving \$500 of state money for ineligibles then you will bill us for the services that have been provided. I'm not sure about the statement "put local funding with" state funding for ineligibles. I understand that you don't want to use your local funding for match. If we are paying you for ineligibles you will have to tell us who you are spending it on, what you are spending it on, and for what frequency so that we can prior authorize it. It will be just like a Plan of Care. If you want to supplement that money with your local funding as far as drawing it down too fast you will draw it down as you provide it and bill for it.

Ramona Hiel -- Will the case management agencies be required to provide case management to ineligible people?

Currently you do not provide case management services for ineligibles so; no you will not be required to do so once MRSIS is implemented.

Fordyce Mitchel -- Anyone concerned about the transition to new payee numbers for Targeted Case Management? No one, that is good.

No further questions.

The next meeting will be held August 11, 2006.