

MASSHEALTH/NEMED MEETING
November 27, 2007 / 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Ashburton Place, Boston, MA

MINUTES

(Also see accompanying worksheet)

ATTENDEES:

MassHealth: Lynda Scully (OLTC), Chuck Defabrizio (OLTC), Dee Trubiano-Paulauskas (OLTC), Melody Williams (Operations), Cheryl Fox (TPL, COB), Virginia McGoldrick (TPL, COB), Terri Gaglio-Tripp (Claims Operations), Anise Thompson (Claims Operations), Denise Egan (PA), Eloise Porterfield (PA), Ingelcia Simas (MassHealth Customer Services) and Keith West (MassHealth Customer Services)

NEMED: Karyn Estrella (NEMED), Bill Fredericks (Allcare Medical Supply), Peter Tallas (TMED Holdings), Janet Bell (ATG-Design Able), Peggy Rosa (Airproducts-Denmarks), Terri Martignetti (Boston Home Infusion), Wendi Blakes (Boston Home Infusion), Agnes Tupper (National Seating and Mobility)

Masshealth Update:

- As of September 1, 2007, the old #9 forms are no longer accepted. All providers should be using the new form. Providers can use either their Masshealth provider number OR NPI until May 23, 2008.
- New MMIS – a training plan is being worked on now.
 - Once the new MMIS is launched, paper RAs will not be available. Providers should become familiar with the 835.

Lynda Scully:

- The transmittal letter for 7/1, 10/1 and 11/1 is coming. It will include all codes that have been adopted. She hopes it will be published by December 21st and she will send NEMED a copy once it is released.
- Power wheelchair codes will remain open until 12/31/08. Any 13-month capped rental will have time to pay.
- Capped rental has gone to 13 months like Medicare.
- Another permanent agency at MassHealth has been created – the audit department. This is part of healthcare reform. A lot of the work will revolve around pricing. They will be surveying beneficiaries on provider satisfaction, starting with high end mobility. All programs will be surveyed. DME will be one of the first. Lynda said she will pull a group of NEMED members together for a separate meeting to discuss problems once the audits begin.
- The department is still working on recredentialing package for DME. They will set up the recredentialing similar to Medicare – every three years.
- New 2008 HCPC codes have been received. It takes 4 months to get new rates implemented.
- Sub-chapter 4 revisions are in their final stages. Lynda anticipates a public hearing will be scheduled in January 2008 with an effective date of March 1, 2008. Once they are finalized, oxygen and respiratory regulations will be next but she anticipates a speedier process. Lynda would like to combine the two regulations.