

Administrative/Regulatory Relief Work Group Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014

Opening Remarks

Chuck Monson and Alexis Gadsden opened the meeting by thanking everyone for traveling to Albany to attend the meeting, for their continued hard work and participation in this work group, and welcomed new members. Chuck briefly updated the work group on a reorganization that was currently happening at OASAS. Alexis indicated that the topics on the agenda were of great concern to the providers and, since Rob was under a tight time frame, we should move forward with the agenda.

The Justice Center

Key points mentioned included:

- Rob provided an update and some guidance when reporting an incident. As it stands right now, referring a patient outside for a medical service because the provider does not have the necessary staff to treat the patient is a reportable incident.
- Field Office is the point of contact for providers
- Rob hopes to be doing more trainings/webinars in the future (mandated reporters, guidance for providers on how to conduct an investigation, etc.).
- Abuse/neglect – ensure safety of the victim and determine reasonable basis.
- Preferable to report incidents on line rather than telephone call as you can maintain a record of the reported incident.

Behavioral Health Managed Care Transition

Key points mentioned included:

- Working to mandate the LOCADTR-3 tool. Will be a web-based tool; early testing to begin in June/July.
- Off-site services allowance is being pursued; as with any service, the provider must be able to document services billed; limits will be set for off-site services;
- 2-year APG price protection in place;
- IPMES not immediately changing, but will eventually;
- Implementation of the DSM-V and ICE-10 billing codes.

Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP)

Key points mentioned included:

- Community-level collaborations with focus on system reform (specifically to reduce avoidable hospital inpatient admissions and readmissions).

- DSRIP will be based on outcomes; money available for infrastructure but providers will not be paid if set metrics are not met.
- Refer to DOH web page for more information:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/delivery_system_reform_incentive_payment_program.htm

Regulatory Updates

- Working on redesign of the Part 819 Residential Services.
- Sara Osborne is working with other state agencies in regard to Part 836-Incident Reporting.
- Part 822 Outpatient and Opioid Treatment Programs Regulation has been sent out for comments several times; one last internal review before it is sent to the Department of State for publication and a 45-day comment period.
 - Revised regulation strips out details – providers will need to determine how their programs will function.
 - Staff/patient ratios will be eliminated – in par with other agencies which do not have ratios.

Chuck indicated that, to the extent possible, the Program Review Unit will move forward and conduct as many outpatient recertification reviews as possible before implementation of the revised Part 822 Regulation as there will need to be a phase-in period to allow providers to come into compliance with the new regulation and for OASAS staff to update necessary review/guidance documents.

Wrap Up

Chuck reminded everyone to review and, if necessary, update their contact information. He informed the group of Karen Klein's imminent retirement and asked that any future contact information changes be sent to Barbara Vuolo at: Barbara.Vuolo@oasas.ny.gov.

Chuck and Alexis thanked everyone for their participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th, from 10:30 to 1:30, in OASAS' 4th Floor Main Conference Room. (Note: This meeting was rescheduled for December 2nd.)