

Medicaid County Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2006
 Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Location: The Cedar Creek Mall, Mosinee
 Handouts: Agenda and handouts attached

Minutes submitted by Eileen McRae (Medicaid Transportation Analyst)

*	Name of Invitee	County/Tribe	*	Name of Invitee	County/Tribe
✓	Lynn Brenner	Calumet	☎	Marie Lehman	Marquette
?	Wendy Metcalf	Columbia	☎	Felice Riley	Milwaukee
☎	Sara Shackleton	Dane	☎	Penny Helmle	Oconto
✓	Ken Kamps	Dodge	✓	Linda Summers	Oneida Tribe
✓	Linda Halvorson	Dunn	✓	Barb Spaude	Outagamie
☎	Tammy Pinno	Fond du Lac	☎	Christy Duhr	Richland
☎	Judy Lindholm	Iowa	☎	Pam Edmonds	Rock
?	Diane Schmidtke	Iron	✓	Jackie Bodette	Sauk
?	Bill Blank	Juneau	?	Tracy Davis	St. Croix
✓	Bill Erickson	Kenosha			

*✓ = attended in person ☎ = participated via telephone ? = unable to attend

Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF) attendees:

- ✓ Rachel Carabell, Astra Iheukumere and Eileen McRae (Bureau of Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits)
- ☎ Joanne Simpson and Eden Schafer (Bureau of Health Care Eligibility)
- ☎ Randy Zirk (Bureau of Health Care Systems and Operations).

Review and Approval of Minutes

The meeting began with introductions. The committee approved the August 9, 2006, meeting minutes as submitted. Rachel indicated that the Division would post the minutes and handouts from the meeting, on the IMAC web site. [Note taker's addition: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/em/imac/> Follow link to MA Transportation Ad-hoc 2 (2006)]

Continued Discussion of Proposed Data Collection

Rachel Carabell stated that the target date for implementing the new reporting requirements is late 2007. Randy Zirk explained that prior to the implementation of the system the Division would need to make decisions regarding the data elements to collect and the mechanism and format for collecting the data.

Randy did an element-by-element review of the handout, Proposed Data Elements to be Reported for Medicaid Common Carrier Transportation Services. The committee responded with the suggestions list below.

Suggestions from Committee:

- Design the system to allow automatic identification based on the logon ID. Logon ID could be associated with agency and automatically populate upon logging into system.
- Design the system to retain logon ID so that agencies would not need to re-enter their ID for each recipient. Randy indicated that the system could be designed to retain the user's logon until the user actively logged off.
- Design system to allow counties to upload information directly from their system to the state's system. Randy confirmed that the system could be designed to include this type of interface.
- Make system user-friendly. For example, limit drill down levels, do not include dashes in date fields, and do not require "from and to" dates for trips that do not span more than one day.
- Design system to accommodate multiple entries for same recipient without re-entry of header information. For example, allow counties to change dates of service or to add multiple services for the same date of service without re-entering other information
- Add and store field for counties to add "rate per mile" since not all counties reimburse at the same rate.
- Re-order fields to move date of service and origin and destination of trip closer to the header information.
- Consider making recipient payments from system.
- Allow downloads from the system.

The following counties volunteered to be "testers" for the new system:

- Kenosha
- Oneida
- Calumet (tentative offer)
- Dodge
- Iowa
- Milwaukee
- Dane
- Sauk

In addition to the comments noted above, some committee members reiterated their concern about the potential for additional costs to their agency.

Summary and Next Steps

Rachel explained that the next step would be to report to IMAC. She indicated that both she and Bill Erickson, as co-chairs, would make the report to IMAC.

The next meeting will be a teleconference to discuss ideas for simplifying program administration and reducing costs.

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