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PHARMACIST REIMBURSEMENT WORKGROUP VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA

August 8, 2022

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

Zoom Webinar video conference: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614250739>

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252

Webinar ID: 161 425 0739

(Registration Information Below)

Chapter 372 of the Acts of 2022 requires the Commissioner to establish a workgroup to identify options and requirements necessary for the reimbursement of pharmacists who provide medical services within their scope of practice and work setting, and to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the Commissioner's findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2022.

A workgroup has been formed. The members include:

- Sen. Pamela Beidle
- Deena Speights-Napata, Maryland Board of Pharmacy
- Christine Lee-Wilson, PharmD
- Aliyah Horton, Maryland Pharmacists Association
- Magaly Rodriguez, Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions, University of Maryland
- Mindy Smith, Tabula Rasa Healthcare
- Nicole Brandt, The Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
- Allison Taylor, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
- Jennifer L. Briemann, Maryland Managed Care Organization Association
- Kathleen Loughran, Amerigroup
- Deborah Rivkin, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
- Matthew Celentano, League of Life and Health Insurers
- Kimberly Robinson, Cigna
- Zachary Peters, Aetna/CVS Caremark

The second meeting of the working group will be on August 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The topics to be discussed are:

- The definition of “Health care provider” in the Social Security Act, and its effect on reimbursement policies.
- Practice settings in which pharmacists provide medical services, and billing challenges for specific practice settings, e.g. billing through a supervisory physician in a medical practice.

The third meeting of the working group will be held on August 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The topics will be credentialing of pharmacists as medical care practitioners and coding and claims filing by pharmacists providing medical services within their scope of practice.

The first meeting was held on June 27, 2022. The purpose of the first meeting was to identify the current barriers that prevent pharmacists from being reimbursed for medical services by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations. Barriers identified in the first meeting will be discussed in the following meetings.

The Commissioner hereby invites oral and written comments from interested stakeholders on the definition of “health care provider” and its effect on reimbursement policies and practice settings for pharmacists, and the challenges for specific practice settings.

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks.
2. Comments by registered speakers concerning definitions of health care provider. Specifically, is a change required for the Medical Assistance program, and is there a definition of health care provider in the Insurance Article that creates a barrier to payment?
3. Comments by registered speakers concerning practice settings, and challenges to billing for medical services within the scope of the pharmacist’s license within those practice settings.
3. Comments by unregistered participants.

If you would like to present or offer public comments *during* the virtual public hearing, please notify the MIA in advance of the meeting by submitting your request to pharmacist.mia@maryland.gov. Because of the nature of the Zoom Webinar platform, a special invitation is required to be seen and/or be heard via the platform. For that reason, the MIA can only assure the opportunity to speak during the virtual public hearing to those interested parties who have signed up by Monday, August 1, at 5:00 p.m. Interested parties who have signed up by Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. and provided an email address to which an invitational link to the virtual meeting can be sent.

To the extent that time and technology permit, the MIA will hear from unregistered participants who access the Zoom Webinar platform.