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Network Adequacy Regulations

Meeting Schedule and Agenda

To: Interested Parties

Pursuant to House Bill 1318 / Senate Bill 929, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall, in consultation with interested stakeholders, adopt regulations to establish quantitative and, if appropriate, non-quantitative criteria to evaluate a carrier's network sufficiency. These regulations must take effect by December 31, 2017.

A Notice of Public Hearing on Regulations was published in the Maryland Register on April 29, 2016 advising that the first hearing on the above would take place on June 2, 2016. It also advised that an agenda would be posted prior to the first hearing on the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) website located at <http://insurance.maryland.gov>. The agenda and other relevant information can be found below Quick Links under "Network Adequacy Regulation Information."

Place: Maryland Insurance Administration, 22nd Floor Francis Scott Key Room, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202 and via conference call at 866-247-6034. Please enter the conference code 1573490062 when prompted.

Below please find the agenda for each meeting.

June 2, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Any standards adopted by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. §15-112(D)(2)(X)¹
- Any standards used by the federally facilitated marketplace. §15-112(D)(2)(X)
- Any standards adopted by another state. §15-112(D)(2)(XI)

July 14, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Geographic accessibility of primary care and specialty providers, including mental health and substance use disorder providers. §15-112(D)(2)(I)
 - Should separate geographic accessibility standards be developed for certain specialists?

¹ All statutory references are to HB 1318.

- Should certain sub-specialties be treated separately from the general specialty?
- Geographic variation and population dispersion. §15-112(D)(2)(V)

August 4, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Waiting times for an appointment with participating primary care and specialty providers, including mental health and substance use disorder providers. §15-112(D)(2)(II)
- Hours of operation. §15-112(D)(2)(VI)
- Other health care service delivery system options including telemedicine, telehealth, mobile clinics, and centers of excellence. §15-112(D)(2)(VIII)

September 1, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Primary care provider-to-enrollee ratios. §15-112(D)(2)(III)
- Provider-to-enrollee ratios, by specialty. §15-112(D)(2)(IV)
- Should ratios be modified for providers who contract with more than one carrier?
- Should ratios be modified based on characteristics of the health benefit plan, such as having providers in centralized offices, or requiring a visit to a primary care provider for a referral?

October 6, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- The ability of the network to meet the needs of enrollees, which may include:
 - low-income individuals;
 - adults and children with serious, chronic, or complex health conditions or physical or mental disabilities; and
 - Individuals with limited English proficiency or illiteracy. §15-112(D)(2)(VII)

November 3, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- The volume of technological and specialty care services available to service the needs of enrollees requiring technologically advanced or specialty care services. §15-112(D)(2)(IX)
- Other health care service delivery system options, including telemedicine, telehealth, mobile clinics, and centers of excellence. (repeat based on relevance to agenda topic). §15-112(D)(2)(VIII)

December 1, 2016 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Identification of parts of the access plan that may be considered confidential by the carrier. §15-112(C)(3)(II)
- Additional testimony on previously discussed topics.

January 5, 2017 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Standards for dental services. §15-112(E)

- Additional testimony on previously discussed topics.

February 2, 2017 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be discussed:

- Additional testimony on previously discussed topics.