

Minutes

2008 Physicians' Advisory Committee Meeting

September 15, 2008

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma 1215 Boulder

Meeting called by:

Thomas Love Settlement

Facilitators:

Dr. Kim Reed- Chairperson

Attendees:

Dr. Charles Derus (IL)
Dr. Robert Parker (IL)
Dr. Charlotte Smith (TX)
Dr. Guadalupe Pete Zamora (TX)
Dr. Michael Priest (OK)
Dr. Nick Knutson (OK)
Dr. Joe Nicholson (OK Chief Medical Officer)
Dr. Matthew Fontana (NM)
Dr. Charlie Knife Chief (OK Medical Director)
Dr. Joseph Cunningham (OK Medical Director)
Dr. Paula Root (OK Medical Director)
Nancy Pruitt
Kirk Pion
JeTaun Mitchell

Agenda Topics

Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Kim Reed & Dr. Joseph Nicholson
Overview of Thomas Love Settlement	Nancy Pruitt
Incentive Programs	Kirk Pion
Open Discussion	All

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Overview of Thomas Love Settlement

Nancy Pruitt provided some detailed information about the Thomas Love settlement. She explained the case was filed in 2003. Gave an explanation of how the settlement was named. Briefly discussed there was a similar lawsuit that was dismissed, the case was called Solomon. That case is currently being appealed. The preliminary approval date for the Thomas Love settlement is May 31, 2007. This date is important because it determines the remaining due dates for the settlement in most cases with the exception of the provision pertaining to prompt payment of claims. That provisions due date is driven by the effective date and will end on the settlement termination date which is May 31, 2011.

At the time of the meeting over 4,500 claims had been filed in Oklahoma already. The monetary value of these claims has not yet been determined. Just as a F.Y.I. funds that are leftover after the settlement expires will go to the plans selected charity.

What is PAC charged with? PAC was established with the idea that the committee could work towards breaking down barriers between the provider community and HCSC. Solicit ideas to create traction form those ideas. Determine what business practices are necessary to get down to conducting business between the Blues Plans and the provider community.

Incentive Programs

Kirk Pion discussed various incentive programs offered by HCSC, the reasons behind it, and the future of the health insurance industry. Employers want to implement wellness programs for their employees. Kirk gives examples of various programs and how employers can entice their employees to utilize these programs. One good enticer is the HRA, health risk assessment. This gives employers help in understanding what the employees need. Disease management programs are another incentive that gets employees engaged.

The question was posed that will health insurance companies will benefit from these programs, aren't they actually beneficial to the insurance companies and not the providers? Dr. Fontana responded stated that we ALL want health members and patients but we can begin to explore ways to help the providers financially so that we can all benefit from healthy members.

Open Discussion

During the open discussion several recommendations were made:

Interactive portal for providers community with the Physicians' Advisory Committee.
Providing additional information to the providers to help them service their patients better.
Information to assist providers with understanding the HRAs.

Next Steps

Establish communication avenue for external doctors outside of the HCSC PAC members. Create a means for them to contact HCSC PAC.

Next meeting:
March 19, 2009 in Richardson, TX
901 South Central Expressway