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HOUSE & SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR

October 10, 2017

The House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor met Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room A, MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Public Health Senate Members Attending: Senators Cecile Bledsoe, Chair; John Cooper, Lance Eads, Scott Flippo, Stephanie Flowers, and Missy Irvin.

Public Health House Members Attending: Representatives Jeff Wardlaw, Chair; Deborah Ferguson, Vice Chair; Mary Bentley, Justin Boyd, David Branscum, Bruce Coleman, Justin Gonzales, Jack Ladyman, Fredrick Love, Robin Lundstrum, Stephen Magie, Austin McCollum, David Meeks, Aron Pilkington, and Richard Womack.

Other Legislators Attending: Senators Linda Chesterfield, and Jonathan Dismang. Representatives Fred Allen, Scott Baltz, Charles Blake, Charlie Collins, Andy Davis, Les Eaves, Jon Eubanks, David Fielding, Jack Fortner, Grant Hodges, Roger Lynch, Ron McNair, Reginald Murdock, Clint Penzo, Marcus Richmond, Johnny Rye, Dan Sullivan, and DeAnn Vaught.

Comments by the Chairs

Senator Cecile Bledsoe stated that the next Public Health meetings will be November 6, 2017, and December 4, 2017. Senator Bledsoe also encouraged everyone to attend the Health Services Subcommittee meeting today at 1:30 p.m.

Consideration to Adopt the September 5, 2017, Minutes (EXHIBIT C)

Without objection, the September 5, 2017 meeting minutes were adopted.

Arkansas Department of Health, Presentation of the “Stop The Bleed” Program

Renee Mallory, RN, BSN, Director, Center for Health Protection, and Clayton Goddard, Major, Special Operations Supervisor, Metropolitan Emergency Services (MEMS)

Ms. Mallory stated that the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) supports this program. The ADH has contributed funding support in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education and MEMS (Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services), for the training of all Arkansas school personnel in the ‘*Stop the Bleed*’ program; and to insure these ‘Stop the Bleed’ kits are in every Arkansas school.

Major Goddard stated that:

- ❖ 75%-90% of all trauma-related deaths occur before the patient reaches a medical facility.
- ❖ The first people on the scene of a medical emergency are bystanders.
- ❖ A person can die from loss of blood within five minutes of an accident.
- ❖ A person can bleed out in about 3 minutes.
- ❖ Response time for emergency responders is typically too slow.
- ❖ Typical response time is approximately 10 minutes nationwide

In cooperation with Arkansas law enforcement, this program was created and developed in 2014, with the training of all law enforcement personnel in Arkansas. Major Goddard also purchased a trauma mannequin and trauma kits for the Arkansas Fire Academy. The Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Arkansas Fire Training Academy agreed to provide training to any and all school personnel who requested training, and teach them how to properly use the trauma kits.

Major Goddard stated this training is critical to helping individuals survive a trauma, and everyone possible should be trained in this lifesaving program. Arkansas leads the country in the development and operation of this program. Multiple lives have recently been saved in Northwest Arkansas by law enforcement personnel and bystanders because of the ‘*Stop the Bleed*’ program. The ‘Stop the Bleed’ program also holds Pre-Kindergarten workshops.

Representative Stephanie Flowers asked Mr. Goddard to furnish a list of all the Arkansas schools who attended the AED training classes, and he agreed to provide this information.

Representative Deborah Ferguson suggested that a map should be created to show the locations of the AEDs in the State Capitol, and also encouraged a tour to be scheduled for the House and Senate Public Health Committees so they will know the locations of the AEDs.

(Major Goddard gave his contact information to the committees)

Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule Change to Update the Provider Billing Manual to Notify Providers of New Billing Protocol within the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), Section III 2-17 (EXHIBIT E)

Tami Harlan, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Services Division, DHS; presented this proposed rule change. This proposed rule change will make the MMIS (Medicaid Management Information System) billing system more automated and user friendly. As a result, the billing system should be more efficient and providers should be able to bill Medicaid more accurately. Training sessions have been held statewide to help the providers understand the new changes to the MMIS billing system.

Senator Bledsoe stated that without objection these rules will stand as reviewed.

Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule Change to Inform Providers of Additional Ambulatory Surgical Procedural Codes Requiring Prior Authorization--Ambulatory Surgical ASC 1-17 (EXHIBIT F)

Tami Harlan, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Services Division, DHS, presented this proposed rule change. This proposed rule change notifies providers of additional Ambulatory Surgical procedural codes, and they will require prior authorization. CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) approval is not required for this rule.

Senator Bledsoe stated that without objection these rules will stand as reviewed.

Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule Change to Remove Processing Hold on Paper Claims, Notice of Rule Making 003-17 (EXHIBIT G)

Tami Harlan, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Services Division, DHS, presented this proposed rule change. Effective November 1, 2017, the current processing hold will be removed from all paper claims, and they will be processed as they are received. This change is necessary due to implementation of the new MMIS system.

Senator Bledsoe stated that without objection these rules will stand as reviewed.

Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule Adding Requirements for Electronic Funds Transfer for Active E-mail Addresses and Preferred Preference for Receiving Billing Updates—Section 1 2-17, Section III 1-17, and Section V 3-17 (EXHIBIT H)

Tami Harlan, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Services Division, DHS, presented this proposed rule change. Effective November 1, 2017, provider enrollment applications will have to include an active email address to be accepted. Providers may update their profile by filling out *Form DMS-673--Provider Address/Email Change Form*.

Senator Bledsoe stated that without objection these rules will stand as reviewed.

Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations and the Division of Medical Services, Review of the Rule Regarding Revisions to Medical Services Policy to Provide Medicaid Coverage to Certain Children and Pregnant Women Who are Lawfully Residing in the U.S.; Comply With Federal Regulations and Law Regarding Verification of Citizenship and Immigration Status: The State is Electing the Option to Provide Medicaid and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) Coverage to Otherwise Eligible Children Under Age 21 and Pregnant Women Aliens Lawfully Residing in the U.S.: [Policy Manual Sections Appendix C; D-200 through 230; B-250; E-300, E-445, and Medicaid SPA: AR 17-003; CHIP SPA: 17-004; Medicaid PDF, Page 589; MAGI Eligibility SPA: AR17-0007; CHIP PDF, Page C518 MAGI Eligibility SPA; and AR 17-0006] (EXHIBIT I)

Mary Franklin, Director, Division of County Operations, and Dave Mills, Program Administrator, Division of County Operations, with the Department of Human Services; presented this proposed rule change.

These are Medical Services Policy changes, Medicaid and CHIP State Plans, and MAGI Eligibility PDF Pages Amendments for the State of Arkansas' election of the option, effective 01/01/2018, that will provide Medicaid and CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible children under age 21 and pregnant women aliens, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in section 1903(v)(4) of the Social Security Act and under section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 ("CHIPRA")

Senator Bledsoe stated that without objection these rules will stand as reviewed.

Arkansas Department of Education, Annual Report of Vision Screenings in Arkansas Public and Charter Schools—School Year 2016-2017 (ACA 6-18-1803) (EXHIBIT J)

Cheria Lindsey, BSN, RN, State School Nurse Consultant, School Health Services, Arkansas Department of Education, and Jerri Clark, School Health Services Director, Arkansas Department of Education; presented the annual summary report for Arkansas Public and Charter Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. There were no questions and no discussion.

Senator Bledsoe stated that without objection this report will stand as reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.