

ULTCS Service Array Subcommittee – Minutes

May 5, 2010

Welcome and Introductions

- Subcommittee participants were provided with an opportunity to formally introduce themselves to the subcommittee Chair.
- Participants were invited to share any insight into their organization's/constituency's focus related to the services delivered through a unified long term care system.

Presentation –Home Care Attendant Service

- Sue Fredman from ODJFS provided the subcommittee with an overview of the Department's proposed Home Care Attendant Service.
**Chairman's note – CMS approved the HCAS waiver amendment on Friday, May 7, 2010. After moving through JCARR, ODJFS' HCAS rules are scheduled to be effective on July 1, 2010 with service delivery set to begin on that date.*

Future Meetings

- The subcommittee agreed that additional meetings would be necessary in order to develop budget recommendations, due to the full workgroup for the June 3, 2010 meeting.

Gap Analysis

- Several subcommittee participants submitted an organization specific gap analysis discussed in the April 7, 2010 meeting.
- The gap analyses will be incorporated into a matrix to assist with developing budget recommendations for the full Unified Long Term Care Systems' Workgroup.

Federal Health Care Reform

- The subcommittee briefly discussed federal healthcare reform, and agreed that elements of the federal legislation should be incorporated into future meetings of the subcommittee.
- Questions were raised by subcommittee members related to the need for prospective waiver consumers to meet categorical eligibility, the impact of eligibility changes on the mental health population's access to services, prescription drug purchasing, and physician reimbursement.

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Home Care Attendant Services

- Pursuant to the recent passage of Am. Sub. HB 1 (SFY 10-11 budget), RC 5111.88 and 5111.881-5111.8811 permit ODJFS to seek an amendment to the Ohio Home Care and Transitions Carve-Out waivers to add a new consumer-driven home care attendant service (HCAS). HCAS permits unlicensed individuals (nonagency providers) to assist a consumer enrolled on one of those waivers with self-administration of medications and the performance of certain nursing tasks that must otherwise be performed by a licensed health care professional. In addition, the attendant can provide personal care aide services as part of the service.
- Upon authorization by a licensed physician or a registered nurse, a home care attendant can assist a consumer with the self-administration of oral/topical medications (including schedule II through V drugs), subcutaneous injections of routine doses of insulin, programming of a pump to deliver routine doses of insulin, and medications administered via G and J tubes using pre-programmed pumps. It DOES NOT include IV insertion, removal or discontinuation, intramuscular injections, IV medication administration, insertion or initiation of infusion therapies and central line dressing changes.
- The HCAS statute establishes the requirements a home care attendant must meet to provide services, as well as requirements the attendant must follow when providing the service. The consumer can train the attendant in cooperation with the authorizing health care professional.
- The statute is the product of three years' work by the ODJFS Consumer-Directed Care Workgroup. Members include Ohio Home Care Waiver consumers and caregivers, representatives from the Ohio Olmstead Task Force, consumer advocates from independent living centers, home health providers, the Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice, the Ohio Home Care Organization, the Ohio Nurses' Association and the Ohio Board of Nursing.
- The attendant is required to meet with the consumer and an RN at least every 90 days for the purpose of monitoring the consumer's health and welfare and to answer questions.
- The reimbursement rate for HCAS will be less than what a nurse is currently paid for waiver nursing and PDN, but greater than the rate for personal care aide services also available through the waivers.