

**Unified Long-Term Care Systems Workgroup
Eligibility Subcommittee
April 7, 2010 - 12:00 noon – 2:00PM
Lazarus Building, 50 W. Town Street, 6th Floor
Room 643B
MEETING NOTES**

Overview of the meeting

- Rick Tully convened the meeting with introductions.
- 17 participants were in attendance with 8 new attendees who had not attended the 3/1 meeting.
- Rick reviewed the agenda and explained that ODJFS would be giving two presentations: one on the Medicaid application and form simplification; and the other on the ROMPIR process.
- Rick introduced the Implementation Matrix and provided a general overview of the recommendations previously listed when they were compiled last year. He also explained that Eric Miller revised this to a condensed version that includes only the eligibility recommendations.
- Some of the issues raised at the 3/1 meeting may already fall into the existing categories, but for two considered to be additional items, Eric had added these to the matrix. As a result, however, the group concluded that the one item was identical to recommendation #52 and the other item, the re-entry from prison item, had been addressed via the ROMPIR process.
- Rick explained that the goal of this and the next meeting is to review the recommendations, prioritize and categorize them, whether the recommendation would require a policy or process change, determine the level of effort and the impact of implementing the recommendations. The deadline for the workgroup is by the June, 2010 meeting.

**ODJFS presentation on application and form simplification
(Initial application and face-to-face redeterminations)**

- Jenni Langlois, ODJFS gave a presentation on the recent rules on Medicaid Application and Form Simplification and Redeterminations. She explained that no face-to-face interview is needed for annual redeterminations. However, a face-to-face appointment with the CDJFS is still required for disability cases (except MBIWD) as this is a federal mandate.
- The group felt that this may satisfy, at least in part, recommendations #46 (*Evaluation of current requirements for face to face assessments*) and #51 (*Encourage process improvements to improve timeliness of financial eligibility processes*).
- An issue on residency issues was brought up, specifically when an applicant may move in from out-of-state in KY or MI in order to receive services, and what restrictions are in place about eligibility based on residency. Jenni explained that if applicants are physically present, intend to make Ohio their residence, and meet other standard requirements then they are to be considered Ohio residents.

ODJFS presentation on ROMPIR and other upcoming changes

- Kathy Hoeffler, ODJFS gave a presentation on the RoMPIR (Reinstatement of Medicaid for Public Institution Recipients) program that expedites those individuals reentering the community from an institution (not NFs or ICFMRs). There is now a process in place and a driver in CRIS-E that uses the functionality of a web portal to notify ODJFS when one is released from an institution. These individuals can receive a Medicaid card within several days of release (good for 60 days before a retermination is required) and then go to their local county department of job and family services to open their Medicaid case.
- Kathy and Shawn also explained three new IT elements that may help expedite eligibility determination and process improvements: 1) a self service application online which should go into effect around October, 2010; 2) enhancements with the Social Security data exchange in verifying citizenship around 4/22/10; and 3) an asset verification system that will electronically request information from financial institutions in Ohio-contiguous states for Medicaid recipients.

Issues

Presumptive Eligibility

- Brett Kirkpatrick asked that ODA consider expanding presumptive eligibility to the other programs it oversees. Eric explained that he would follow up on this. Jeff Corzine cautioned that if presumptive eligibility is to be explored in other areas, there need to be clarity and points of delineation on starting and ending points of various health care coverage that a consumer may have.

Residency

- Bob Butler expressed an interest to have clarity on residency concerns. Jenni will bring the policy section that clarifies this area to the next meeting.

Customer Service

- Latosha Still expressed an interest in how customer service could be improved.

Recap of assignments

- Research of the Pennsylvania Fast Track system - Brett Kirkpatrick
- Clarification on face-to-face applications and residency - Jenni Langlois
- More details on the Medicaid online application - Kathy Hoeffler
- Causes for CDJFS delays - Shawn Lotts
- Local information about delays – Jane Black and Carol Ruff
- Clarify Assisted Living eligibility options and presumptive eligibility options with other ODA programs - Eric Miller

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is slated for Wednesday 5/5/2010 at 12:00 noon, Lazarus Building
- Adjourn at 1:55PM