

NM Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting

New Mexico Hospital Association, Albuquerque, NM
1:30–3:00pm October 18, 2018

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:

Mark Epstein - NM Health Connections
Kristina Fisher - Think New Mexico
Susan Gempesaw - Presbyterian Health Systems (PHS)
Nandini Kuehn - Health Consumer, Healthcare Consultant
Michael Landen - NM Department of Health (NMDOH), Chair
Michael Nelson - NM Human Services Department (HSD)
Bill Patten - Holy Cross Hospital (Taos)—on Phone
Janice Torrez - Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM—on Phone
Judith Williams - Health Data

Members not present:

Jeff Dye - New Mexico Hospital Association (NMHA)
Denise Gonzalez - Health Consumer

NM Department of Health Attendees:

Ken Geter - Health Systems Epidemiology Program

Public Attendees:

Brad Cook - Presbyterian Health Systems
Ellen Interlandi - New Mexico Hospital Association
Dan Lanari - New Mexico Hospital Association
Bonnie White - UNMH

Review of Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2018 Meeting

- Minutes approved.

Review Agenda

- Agenda approved.

Medicaid Costs Presentation: Analysis of bundling facility and professional fees for the Colonoscopy and Vaginal Delivery procedures

- Unbundled and bundled total payments were presented for the two procedures.
- The total amount paid for a patient visit with more than one visit per month was summed and thus “bundled” into a single record.
- The entity with the highest paid amount (usually the facility) would show on the website as the entity paid.
- The different large providers, e.g., UNM, Presbyterian, should also be grouped on the website.
- The Taos Holy Cross and affiliated providers should also be grouped.
- It was noted that Colonoscopy and Vaginal Delivery (as typically outpatient and inpatient procedures respectively) need to be treated differently with regards to the bundling methodology.

- It was concluded that Colonoscopy (and other typically outpatient procedures) should be bundled, and also have the providers (UNM, Pres, Taos, etc.,) grouped.
- Vaginal Delivery procedures (and other inpatient procedures) should not be bundled—they should only show the hospital costs.
- New data will be requested from HSD by DOH that will include the date of service rather than just the month of service. This will allow more precise bundling.
- The website will remain active, even though the data currently there are inaccurate.
- When the updated data are uploaded to the website, disclaimers about procedures being unbundled/bundled will also be updated.

All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) update

- APCD was selected as one of three projects being proposed that would be paid for with C2 funding.
- C2 is a funding source from NM Department of Information Technology (DoIT) for large-scale, state agency IT projects.
See http://www.doit.state.nm.us/agencyc2_guidance.html
- The APCD proposal is being presented to the DoIT C2 review panel on October 29.
- While DoIT provides the funding, DOH would control the project management for the APCD development.

Update on the Health Value and Access Commission—Nandini Kuehn

- This health oversight commission is being proposed for the 2019 legislative session.
- One of the primary goals of the commission is to analyze and anticipate downstream turbulence to healthcare systems caused by changes at Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS).
- The commission would be a relatively small group, 15 people, which would include representation from all areas of healthcare, not just data analysts.
- It is proposed to include APCD development.
- It was suggested by DOH that the commission wait until the C2 funding proposal for APCD development is finalized before including it as one of their objectives.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- Address leftover proposed agenda items from July 24 meeting.
- DOH will request new CY2017 medicaid data from HSD which will include a procedure's date of service.
- Analyses will be performed on the new data to see if it satisfies the new unbundled/bundled recommendations outlined above.
- New data may be uploaded to the website if time and resources permit.

Schedule next meeting in Santa Fe

- December 13, 2018 1:30pm. Location to be determined.