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Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Questions and Answers/ Information

A CCS Service Facilitator raised the question- Can the county bill for a CCS consumer while he/she is in a Nursing Home?

The answer is while you can't bill for normal Service Facilitation to CCS consumers in Nursing Homes, "CCS will pay for a Service Facilitator, etc, to assist in the transition out of a nursing facility." So CCS is only paying for transition or discharge planning for CCS consumers in nursing homes.



Key Information-Travel time and documenting provided services are considered part of direct service (billable hours) in **all** CCS services. (Source: Addendum to Mark Moody, dtd 8/23/05)

CCS News of Note: As an indication of the high degree of participant involvement, the August 3rd CCS Coordination Committee had the most participants attending ever- 17 CCS participants and advocates were present.

CCS Wellness workshop

On July 17th, Blaine Wilson spoke for three hours to a crowded room at the Kemper Center on Wellness coaching. He emphasized the importance of truly listening to clients, being mindful of

their answers and not accepting the word "try". One either does or doesn't but "trying" is not a part of it. There were role-playing exercises and many of the participants really seemed to grasp what Blaine was saying. The crowd, made up of CCS participants, service facilitators, providers and advocates, seemed involved and interested.



Blaine pointed out we all spend too much time talking and not enough time listening to

others. Blaine's approach to wellness involved less instruction or lecturing and more guidance or coaching on how to achieve what the participant desired. The goals set are the participant goals and not the goals of the service facilitator or provider.

The workshop was underwritten in part by a grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

Certificates of Attendance were presented to all CCS participants who attended the Workshop.

National Provider Identifiers (NPIs)

Wisconsin Medicaid is now collecting NPIs from all Medicaid certified health

care providers. The 10-digit NPIs are obtained online or by paper from the federal Department of Health and Human Services. In the future, all healthcare providers will be required to indicate their NPI when conducting business with Wisconsin Medicaid.

Healthcare providers are encouraged to submit their NPIs to Wisconsin Medicaid by November 1st. Kenosha County Department of Human Services has ten NPIs and has submitted those numbers to Wisconsin Medicaid. For more information, please see *Medicaid Updates 2007-53 and 2007-54*.

Fun'n Fit **A Resource Fair for People with Disabilities**

Keep Thursday, October 11, 2007 circled on your calendar. Fun'n Fit is a Recreation and Fitness Resource Fair for persons with disabilities which will be held on this date at the Madrigrano Center at Gateway Technical College. The Fair, which will be held from 2:00 PM until 7:30PM, will include over 20 exhibitors, keynote motivational speakers and more. The fair is free, and transportation assistance will be available by advance reservation. For further information, please contact the Kenosha County Aging and Disability Resource Center at 262-605-6646.



Proposed Regulations on Rehabilitation pertaining to Mental Health/AODA

Proposed regulations from the Federal Government on psycho-social rehabilitation reveal a clear sense of the direction coming from Washington. The Federal government is demanding more

and more that Medicaid funds be used for truly rehabilitative uses and less and less for custodial uses. This means “the rehabilitation plan would include recovery goals”....and “ would establish a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the care offered in meeting the stated goals”. There seems to be an increasing emphasis on cost effectiveness and on spending Medicaid money only on those “covered services that would contribute to the treatment goal”. The proposed regulations state “the ultimate goal is to reduce the duration and intensity of medical care to the least intrusive level possible which sustains health”

The proposed regulations are open to public comments through October 12, 2007.

Questions?

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