

Hospital Technical Advisory Committee

April 22, 2025, 1:00-3:00 P.M. (Eastern Time)

[Zoom link, available on website or meeting invitation]

1. Welcome & Introductions – Russ Ranallo
2. Establish Quorum – Russ Ranallo
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Russ Ranallo
4. New Business
 - a. Behavioral Health
 1. WellCare Concurrent Review Guidance for BH
 2. DMS Provider Notice that needs to be clarified
 3. Impact of House Bill 695 and whether that supersedes (2) above. What regulations will be needed to implement?
 4. Partial Hospitalization – Previously DMS issued Provider Notice in October 2023. Then said they were not going to change the PHP. Multiple times providers requested an official notice rescinding the October 2023 guidance but never received it. What is the impact of the above?
 5. April 8, 2025 Provider Letter and impact on above items?
 - b. SB 20 Backlog
 - c. Down coding/Denials
 1. Emergency Department Visits - At least three MCOs doing this. There is no transparency and providers believe the DX code is being used. No notification of reason for denial/down coding.
 2. DRG Down coding - Passport – 1 year old issue. Originally about Optum asking hospitals to change their records post discharge. DMS helped clarify that. Providers are now seeing down codes where no DRG is provided by the MCO that they believe is correct. Can DMS assist in obtaining policies and transparency around these billing changes?
 3. Passport recouping entire claims instead of single lines. Examples sent by Uof L and possibly UK. Hospitals must fight over the entire claim, rather than a line in the claim.
5. General Discussion/Other Items
6. Recommendations
7. MAC Meeting Representation
8. Next Meeting – June 24, 2025
9. Adjourn