PERC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 31, 2007 Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Place: EDS	Attending : Refer to face sheet listing	

Distribution List: PERC Board, KHPA and EDS

Topic	DISCUSSION	DECISION AND/OR ACTION
Review of Minutes & Introductions	Minutes from the September 12, 2007 PERC meeting were approved as written. Larry Wright is introduced as a new KHPA Manager in Managed Care, responsible for Unicare. Bobbie Graff-Hendrixson announced she is moving to SRS in the mental health area in the prepaid ambulatory side. Jeff Pierce is introduced as a new PERC member. Jeff is an RPH and works at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.	Minutes approved.
KHPA Update; Health Reform.	Dr. Smith updated the committee on Kansas Health Reform. She stated that on Nov 1 Dr. Marci Nielsen will be presenting the board recommendations around Health Reform to the Legislative Oversight Committee. The recommendations center around the 3 P's (Promoting Personal Responsibility, Paying for Prevention and Primary Care and Providing affordable Health Insurance). Dr. Nielsen has 18 policy options that the Board has recommended and are available on the KHPA Website. Prevention codes were suggested and Dr. Nielsen will ask for $10,000.000.00 in increased reimbursement and the addition of some uncovered codes. Dr. Smith spoke about the Premium Assistance Program KHPA is developing for the care of adults and children. The intent is to bring eligibility level up to 100% of poverty by 2010 and will be accomplished through the Deficit Reduction Act. Another initiative recommends state wide expansion of the community health record. Dr. Smith stated she had been asked about the compound drug concerns and reimbursement. There is no changes in place however KHPA is looking at increasing the dispensing fees and creating prior authorization for compound drugs. Reimbursement for generic drugs is also being reviewed. The federal government is looking at a new way of calculating the federal upper limits for generic drugs. KHPA have not seen the numbers yet. Dr. Smith feels the pricing is substantially lower than currently being paid. They also want to continue to have good access to the beneficiaries where there are fewer pharmacies. They are thinking of keeping the single source drugs at the same level and increasing dispensing fees for generic and	

	compound drugs. There were several questions from the PERC committee regarding the new requirements when billing drug related HCPCS effective January 1, 2008. Karla Billen from EDS's pharmacy team presented the committee with a handout regarding this issue and there were several questions from the attendees. Karla indicated this was related to the Drug Rebate program. Karla Billen demonstrated the Website and how is can be referenced and certain brands identified. Karla also stated that KHPA updates the site quarterly. She educated the attendees how to identify the manufacturers NDC using the first 5 digits, The PERC Committee recommended that the dental providers need to be notified of the site.	Karla Billen will suggest that dental providers are educated about the website and drug related HCPC's. Susan will research the application of the payment changes to providers of members assigned to either of the MCO's. The MCO's and dental providers are not affected by these HCPCS changes.
KBH Update	Dr. Pam Shaw presented a Power Point on the KBH program called the "ABCD Project". (Assuring Better Child Health and Development) The American Academy of Pediatrics, KDHE and KHPA were involved in the project development and design. Medicaid requires screening of children for developmental and mental health status with 11 states working on similar projects. The goal is to improve the screening of children between the ages of 0-3 from low income families and high risk Medicaid children stemming from the 12 EPSDT criteria mandated by Medicaid. Developmental screening is identified as being of the "utmost importance" as well as entities needing to do better lead screenings. One of the goals is to increase identification of children with developmental disorders and improve surveillance and screening. Autism is an area of focus. The idea is to have targeted guidelines to achieve this. "Surveillance" is done in every well child visit and "screening" is a validating tool. The project emphasizes the distinction between surveillance and screening. Dr. Shaw summarizes that providers should listen to parents regarding concerns they have about signs of developmental delays in their children. An algorithm was developed to assist providers in assuring that screenings get completed at specific age's groups. Early intervention and follow-up is also a main focus. Dr. Shaw educated the	

	committee that screenings are federally mandated for 0-3 age range for those designated at the federally poverty level. Dr. Shaw also informed the group that currently there are wait times for these children of 6-9 months. Developmental delays are common and affect about 10% of the population. Speech and language delays appear to be the most commonly identified. A lot of time is lost between evaluation and initiation of treatment of the identified children with delays. Parents should be encouraged to self refer if they feel their provider is not listening to the concerns they have with their child. There is an "Ages and Stages" Questionnaire parents can fill out and give to their provider. It is available in English and Spanish. There is also a pediatric questionnaire. The work plan is to provide education to providers regarding screening with the KBH guidelines and the need to target the most "at risk" children. The entire KBH booklet has been updated and modified by the use of scientific evidence. Dr. Shaw said there is still more to do but this is a great start. The proposed developmental screen appears to be a wonderful tool. The goal is to get everyone to do the correct developmental screens. The goal is also to do 12 targeted screenings across the sate in different areas to include Autism screening. Candace Taylor introduced to the Board as new KHPA staff with a focus on quality.	
2008 PERC Calendar		2008 tentative dates for PERC will be sent to the committee for

		review.
Next Meeting	***The next meeting is scheduled for December 19th, 2007*** *Plea*se contact Susan Wood for agenda items and questions at (785) 368-6300. Contact Jan Provost at (785) 274-4213 if you have any questions regarding these minutes.	Next Meeting

PEER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE COUNCIL (PERC)

MEETING MINUTES ATTENDANCE
Wednesday, Sept.12, 2007
EDS/White Lakes Center, Topeka, KS

PERC Board:

Donna Sweet M.D.
Pamela Shaw, MD-Chair
Brandan Kennedy MD
Sallie Page-Goertz, ARNP
Susan Laudert MD
Eric Atwood DO
Jeff Pierce RPH

KHPA:

Margaret Smith M.D.
Bobbie Graff-Hendrixson, Senior Manager, Managed Care
Janelle Garrison RN BSN, Managed Care
Susan Wood RN, BSN, Managed Care

EDS:

Jan Provost, RN Quality Assurance Supervisor

Guests: