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Subject: While you were out

Adrienne,
It was a busy week! Here are some updates

1. Secret shopper survey and press conference
 - a. I would like to debrief this and discuss next steps with you ASAP. Cheryl asked Mariam and I to consider budget decision packages.
2. Budget decision packages
 - a. I compiled the DPs sent from HCS (5), PO (1) and PI (2) on sharepoint here: [2024 Decision Packages](#)
 - b. Of note, the dental request is very long! HCS also needs to provide some additional information on the FIAF section for their requests. It appears some of the information was copied and pasted. They also failed to describe how divisions will be impacted or provide information on what level of position is required for new FTE requests. PI's decision packages have start dates prior to May 2025.
3. EFRC presentation
 - a. Slides for your review here: [July EFRC Meeting programs.pptx](#)
 - b. I struggled to identify exactly what content you might want, happy to add more of any of the bulleted items as needed.
4. CMMI
 - a. I met with a cross-agency group of individuals to discuss the application. We are finalizing documents for ELT consideration.
5. PEAK
 - a. BabyCare chapters 2 and 4 need approval.
6. Docusign
 - a. Several professional development requests I did not feel comfortable signing without your approval
7. Staffing
 - a. Issue with position 01193, see Ivory's email. Truman is aware of issue.
8. Change in Scope
 - a. Chris provided comments on the draft policy. Need to discuss engaging association.

Notes from ELT on 7/11 below:

Ivory

- APA, 3 points already for claims items from PERM
 - Long term care
 - Eligibility
- Agency wide meeting in July
- Terminated employee this morning
- Website changes- doing provider section next, rolling out August 1

Rich

- Extension for EDWS vendor-- difference in a component of the extension, majority of it should work
- Part with terradata where there is a problem
- Working with HSAG with corrections and clarifications around the secret shopper analysis
- Laura met with Jason and Dan to discuss phantom network analysis
 - Alternative to a secret shopper analysis, has favorable results
 - Showed over 75% of provider network submitted one claim
 - Showed by health plan and by provider type
 - OBGYN was one and for all five health plans the OBGYN providers above 74%

Kissel

- NC reached out to learn about lessons learned from the MES rollout
- FAS, meeting yesterday, talking about strategy because we are running into issues with Gainwell
- Gainwell wants to migrate
- Concerns about Gainwell winning FAS contract
- Lunch and learn on sharepoint and information sharing

Tammy

- Updating one pagers for the website
- Help lines need to have updated information

Jeff

- [Messy process on how to fix the tribal problems, decision points and clarity](#)
- Goal to stop major payments by Sept 1
- Meeting today with AG
- Kim had meeting with HHR Sec, Lanette wants to attend meeting with AG
- If you need legislation for a decision package, there is a separate HHR gov admin process to submit those

Lisa

- PBMS contract is expiring, decision has been made to ask for an extension to roll out RFP with FAS RFP
- Changing contract policy to help PCM to do multiple extensions out if we do not think it is going to be a significant change
- Updating SLAs with extension

- New indication for weight loss drug Wegovy
 - Restricts access to morbid obesity only-- this is not the FDA labeling
 - Recently FDA approved Wegovy for cardiovascular risk reduction (anyone over 45, overweight or obese, had to have had a heart attack, stroke or limb threatening disease)
 - Medicare is covering it
 - Reduction in spend for this medication in Medicaid may mean we do not have savings
 - Likely around 3,000 people who will be eligible (about 2 million annually in additional spend)
 - When we switched the indication for weight loss we lost the supplemental rebate-- asked Magellan to appeal to manufacturers
 - P&T ad hoc will go over criteria
 - Developing criteria for wegovy cardiovascular risk reduction
 - Cheryl asks:
 - Write one pager and discuss with Kenny

Chris

- Rate meeting at 2pm
 - Acute increase is significant, over 5% compared to last year
 - Healthy people left with redetermination
 - Chronic was 1% increase
- Have not received any decision packages yet
 - One for sheltering arms and CHKD because they are adversely selected
 - Budget will collate for ELT on the 22nd

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