

PDN PROVIDER CAPACITY MEETING

JULY 17, 2023

The Settlement Agreement in S.J.. et al. v. Knodell, et al., (the “Agreement”) the following is required of MHD:

Development of Additional Provider Capacity: MHD will reach out to other state agencies, state universities with nursing programs, the Missouri Community College Association, the Missouri Board of Nursing, PDN agencies, and the Missouri Alliance for Home (MAHC) to schedule a collaborative meeting (PDN Provider Capacity Meeting). MHD will propose an agenda with goals for the meeting to include the enhanced ability for PDN providers to recruit and train qualified nurses to provide services to Medicaid-eligible participants that can help accomplish these goals. Within 30 days after the meeting described in this paragraph, Defendants will create and publish a list of steps that they will take to attempt to develop provider capacity to deliver PDN services to children. Defendants will report to Plaintiffs’ counsel the status of each step listed in Defendants’ capacity building action plan at each quarterly meeting.

Per the requirements of the Agreement, the state invited individuals from the following areas to the PDN Provider Capacity Meeting.

- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- State Universities with Nursing Programs
- Missouri Community College Association
- Missouri Board of Nursing
- Private Duty Nursing Agencies
- Missouri Alliance for Home Care
- Missouri Alliance for Home Care Pediatric Task Force
- Missouri Hospital Association
- Missouri Nurses Association
- MO HealthNet Division Managed Care Organizations
 - Healthy Blue
 - Home State Health
 - United Health Care
- Private Duty Nursing Participants/Family Members/Guardians/Caregivers
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
- Missouri Primary Care Association
- Federally Qualified Health Centers

A full list of invitees can be found in Attachment A.

The goals of the meeting included enhanced ability for PDN providers to recruit and train qualified nurses to provide services to Medicaid eligible participants authorized to receive PDN. A meeting agenda was developed and provided to each attendee. The agenda included items to accomplish the following meeting goals. See Attachment B for a copy of the meeting agenda.

Each attendee was provided with a meeting packet with documents related to the meeting presentations and topics. The meeting packet contained the following documents:

- Agenda
- Invitation List
- MHD PDN Program Changes and bulletins
- PDN Rate Increase History
- PDN State Regulation – 13 CSR 70-95.010
- Health Home Fact Sheet
- Health Home for Medically Complex Population Timeline
- Summary: Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act
- Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Information Sheet
- Professional Registration Delegation Decision-making Tree
- Utilization of Unlicensed Health Care Personnel Information Sheet
- Workforce Data and Innovation Hold Solution To The Shortage Document
- Emergency Medical Services CSR – 19 CSR 30-40.342
- Emergency Medical Services Providers Information Sheet
- 2007 National Scope of Practice Model Summary (Emergency Medical Services Providers)
- Missouri Alliance for Home Care PDN Access to Care Issues - Alternative Options

The meeting opened with a welcome and introductions of all attendees both in-person and via conference call. The meeting continued with the following:

- MHD: Review of PDN changes already implemented
- DHSS: Review of Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Proposal
- MHD: Health Homes for Complex Kids Service
- Board of Nursing/Professional Registration: Informational presentation
- Healthy Blue MCO: Review of PDN changes
- Home State Health MCO: Review of PDN changes
- United Health Care MCO: Review of PDN changes
- Team Select: Family HHA Program Overview presentation
- Pediatric Task Force/Cooperative Home Care: Recommended Changes presentation
- MHD: Review of PDN Survey reported barriers and ideas

Following the above, attestations were provided and roundtable of potential ideas and brainstorming was held along with opportunities for questions to be asked.

The meeting adjourned with commitment of next steps to develop a report of the meeting to include a list of action items and steps to be taken to attempt to develop provider capacity to deliver PDN services to children.

Included with this meeting summary/report is a listing of the action items and steps derived from the PDN Provider Capacity meeting.

PDN PROVIDER CAPACITY MEETING ACTION STEPS

Based on the discussion at the July 17 meeting, MHD will explore the following suggestions to improve private duty nursing capacity. Where items are flagged for research or outreach, or next steps, this may include discussion with CMS, a review for budgetary impact, legislative or regulatory impact or change, research regarding other states' programs, collaboration with DHSS and DMH and other state agencies, and additional collaboration with stakeholders. MHD will post updates to this report on its website on or before October 18, 2023; January 18, 2024; and April 18, 2024.

1. **Greater flexibility on prior authorizations –**
 - BSHCN to research options
 - MHD review policy and CSR for limitations
 - BSHCN and MHD make identified changes needed to policies/procedures in collaboration with providers and other stakeholders
 - Inform providers and families of flexibility in utilizing authorized units
2. **Student loan forgiveness/grants –**
 - MHD to reach out to Missouri Board of Nursing Professional Registration
 - MHD reach out to DHSS on existing options for nursing students
 - Determine next steps
3. **Families as caregivers –**
 - MHD to research options
 - MHD determine next steps
4. **Nurse delegation –**
 - MHD consult with DMH on DMH Waivers
 - MHD to research options
 - MHD determine next steps
5. **Nursing schools include PDN in clinicals/curricula, more chronic illness exposure/focus-**
 - MHD reach out to Community College Association to discuss/encourage inclusion of above
 - MHD reach out to Professional Registration Education Team to discuss options
 - MHD reach out to Missouri Nurses Association to discuss options
6. **Training reimbursement to providers, simulation labs-**
 - MHD reach out to CMS regarding reimbursement of training
 - MHD determine next steps
7. **Value-Based Payments (VBPs) incentives –**
 - MHD determine next steps/options related to value-based payments
8. **Meet quarterly-**
 - MHD will meet quarterly or as available/needed with Pediatric Task Force (or sub-committee thereof)
9. **Market/promote PDN (media campaign)-**
 - MHD review and determine next steps
10. **Continued efforts in exploring Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care-**
 - DHSS, in collaboration with MHD, continue efforts towards licensure statute
 - DHSS, in collaboration with MHD, request funding by State Legislature

DHSS, in collaboration with MHD, develop payment methodology

DHSS, in collaboration with MHD, develop state regulation

DHSS, in collaboration with MHD, develop state plan amendment

DHSS, in collaboration with MHD, develop policy

MHD, in collaboration with DHSS, develop system work

MMAC enroll providers

MHD develop and publish provider bulletin

MHD, in collaboration with DHSS, implement program

11. Health Home for medically-complex children under 21-

MHD research options for health homes

MHD develop payment methodology/cost impact

MHD request funding by State Legislature

MHD develop state regulation

MHD develop state plan amendment

MHD develop system work

MHD develop policy

MMAC enroll providers

MHD develop and publish provider bulletin

MHD implement program

12. Reimbursement rate increases-

MHD review with budget staff

MHD may confer with the Pediatric Task Force on the adequacy of reimbursement rates

MHD will work with DHSS on a new Mercer Rate study.