

**Draft Minutes**  
**Long Term Care Subcommittee**  
**Thursday September 26, 2019**  
**7:30am via WebEx**

**Present**

Jay P. Slotkin, MD – Chair  
Steven Kaner, MD – Vice Chair  
Al Cardillo, President HCANYS  
Timothy John Holahan, DO  
Raghu Ram, MD

**Absent**

Cornelius Foley, MD  
Eugene Kalmuck, MD  
Thomas Lee  
Thomas Madejski  
John Ostuni, MD

**Excused**

Ruth Kleinman, MD – Vice Chair  
Joan Cincotta, Alliance  
Gregory Pinto, MD

**Staff**

Moe Auster, Esq., Division of Government Affairs  
Pat Clancy, Sr. VP. Of Public Health and Education  
Raza Ali, Division of Government Affairs  
Becky Dawes, Division of Government Affairs  
Maureen Ramirez, Division of Public Health

**Guest**

Patrick Conole, VP, HCANYS

- 1        1) **Welcome**
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- 3        2) **Adoption of Minutes** – May 14, 2019 approved.
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- 5        3) **Presentation of PDGM (Patient-Driven Groupings Model)** – Patrick Conole, Vice President for
- 6 Finance and Management of HCANYS started the presentation on PDGM a new Medicare
- 7 payment methodology for home care. Al Cardillo, President, HCANYS spoke about a RAP
- 8 (Request for Advanced Payment) that would be discontinued. Mr. Cardillo also noted the
- 9 potential of new admission responsibilities for physicians ordering home health care services.
- 10 Mr. Cardillo was questioned about how is this going to affect rehab facilities for short term. Mr.
- 11 Cardillo spoke about the challenges of the face to face encounters, and the expense of therapy
- 12 services. He expressed concerns about facilities not being able to finance therapy services.
- 13 Following discussion by committee members it was agreed that this matter should go to the
- 14 MSSNY Council on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Moe Auster and Al Cardillo will develop a resolution that will
- 15 be emailed out to committee members. The proposed resolution will be presented.
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17        **RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York work with the American Medical**

18 **Association to monitor implementation of the Patient Driven Groupings Model (PDGM)**

19 **methodology to determine whether this new program will impose additional administrative**

20 **burdens on physicians certifying home care services for their patients, and/or whether it will**

21 **impede patients from receiving needed home care services; and be it further**

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23        **RESOLVED, that should it be determined that this new program is creating new administrative**

24 **burdens or patient access issues, that these concerns be conveyed to CMS and Congress for**

25 **remedication.**

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- 27 4) **Sepsis Initiative** – Al Cardillo indicated that the NYS Senate and Assembly passed a bill on sepsis  
28 prevention and screening. He indicated that there is a community education component to it to  
29 bring the sectors together; 1 in 4 cases of post sepsis are readmitted 30 days, 40% within 60  
30 days, 65% within a year are readmitted into the hospital. In Illinois, the hospital and homecare  
31 associations have partnered together to adopt this initiative. CMS did a national webinar for its  
32 hospitals innovation improvement facilities in July to present it to them. Some of the PPS across  
33 the state are trying to fund some of the initiatives like this. HCANYS has been trying to promote  
34 hospital education so they know what home health is doing. What Medicare pays out to the  
35 hospital for a sepsis claim is \$22,000 and the average expense for a sepsis admission is  
36 \$100,000. Questions were asked about whether HCANYS has reached out to any large practices  
37 or ACO, Mr. Cardillo indicated that he would follow up with Dr. Slotkin and Pat Clancy.  
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- 39 5) **1115 Waiver** - The period for the New York DSRIP waiver is ending next year and the state DOH  
40 has applied to the federal government to extend it. Moe Auster indicated that MSSNY has  
41 signed onto a letter in support of this waiver organized by HCHANYS and will be participating in  
42 and following closely the statewide hearings. Some practices have experience with DSRIP, others  
43 have not. Efforts are underway to get home care associations, the ACOs, the nursing homes, the  
44 primary care doctors and the medical societies all aligned.  
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- 46 6) **AARP – Tax Credit for Family Caregivers** – Moe Auster and Pat Clancy indicated that MSSNY has  
47 signed onto an AARP letter requesting that Governor Cuomo consider the tax credit in next  
48 year’s state budget. The credit would help those family members financially. The committee  
49 agreed that MSSNY should support this.  
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- 51 7) **Old Business** – The E-Prescribing exception for prescription in nursing homes that passed the  
52 NYS legislature earlier this year is awaiting signature from the Governor. Legislation authorizes a  
53 waiver for two more years. A.1033, legislation that would regain written informed consents  
54 when prescribing psychotropic medications in the nursing homes passed the Assembly, but not  
55 the Senate. DOH opposed it as well.  
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- 57 8) **2020 Meeting Dates** – January 16, 2020, March 26, 2020, & October 8, 2020  
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59 **Adjourned**