Draft Minutes
Long Term Care Subcommittee
Thursday January 16, 2020
7:30am via WebEx

Present
Jay P. Slotkin, MD – Chair
Steven Kaner, MD – Vice Chair
Ruth Kleinman, MD – Vice Chair
Al Cardillo, President HCANYS
Joan Cincotta, Alliance
Timothy John Holahan, DO
Thomas Madejski, MD

Absent
Cornelius Foley, MD
Eugene Kalmuck, MD
Thomas Lee, MD
John Ostuni, MD
Gregory Pinto, MD
Raghu Ram, MD
Naheed Asad Van De Walle, MD

Guest
Patrick Conole, VP, HCANYS

Staff
Moe Auster, Esq., Division of Government Affairs
Pat Clancy, Sr. VP. Of Public Health and Education
Zina Cary, Division of Government Affairs
Becky Dawes, Division of Government Affairs

1) Welcome

2) Adoption of Minutes – September 26, 2019 approved.

3) PDGM Resolution to MSSNY Council – The resolution to the MSSNY Council was approved at the November meeting, this resolution called upon MSSNY to make sure its members are aware of the new Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) program under Medicare. It also helps collect information from physicians about challenges they’re facing with their patients obtaining care and to make sure that that information is then shared with the AMA. If there are issues arising with the new program the AMA and MSSNY will work with Congress to help remediate those problems.

4) State of 1115 Waiver – Al Cardillo spoke about the preparation of the health state health department and its perspective in applying for renewal of the 1115 waiver. The waiver is a Medicaid waiver, that the state uses that waiver to influence the entire delivery system and covers everything in the value based payment programs. The health department is looking to make changes in long term care. The new application did focus much more on the community level, and DOH talking about the creation of what they call value driven entities. These entities like the PPS structure, we would hope to have a much more non institutional structure. Moe stated that Assemblyman Gottfried wrote a letter on the groups behalf to the health department asking the question about community group involvement in the allocation of the of the DSRIP funds.

5) New Medicaid 1% Rate Cut Regulations – New York right now is facing a budget deficit $6 billion, of which $4 billion is applicable to the to the the Medicaid program. Part of it is a
current year budget deficit of the fiscal year that ends March 31. Part of it is also with a long-term structural deficit, which the governor is going to be also proposing a number of measures to bring down that debt. The first step is a 1% cut to Medicaid payment. It’s going to generate roughly savings of about $125 million in the current year and a maybe $600 million over the next fiscal year. We are anticipating much further proposed cuts when the program is released. One possible area could be the excess medical malpractice insurance program which has been around for 30 years. It’s funded through an appropriation of $127 million. Between the excess issue and other physician discipline issues that’s come up, MSSNY encourages physician to be in Albany on March 4th.

6) **Older People Need Geriatricians** – The committee spoke about the geriatrician issue and that not many physicians are getting into geriatrics. More people are getting into the higher paying specialties. Also was discussed how to get more people interested into the geriatric field. Possibly more training required in each specialty when it comes to doing a residency. As this gap grows, it is not being filed by physicians, but is being filled by other advanced care practitioners, nurse practitioners, PAs, who are working in either long term care or outpatient geriatric settings under the supervision of a physician.

7) **Legislative Matters** – Last year, a bill that would have extended the E-prescribing waiver passed the legislature. The waiver prescribing mandate nursing homes will have a two-year extension of that waiver. This measure was vetoed by the Governor as the state health department has been providing a year to year waiver. Regarding, the psychotropic medication, the bill is back on the Assembly floor.

8) **Next Meeting** – March 26, 2020