

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
Committee on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
Clare Bradley, MD, Chair
May 11, 2022
Via Zoom
Draft Minutes

Present

Clare Bradley, MD Chair
Maria Basile, MD Vice-Chair
Julia Faller, DO
Patricia Gagliano, MD
Victor Klein, MD
Thomas T. Lee, MD Asst.
Commissioner
Liana Leung, MD
John Maese, MD
Lawrence Melniker, MD
Rifka Schulman, MD
Charles Lopresto, DO

Absent

Keisha Benn, MD
Brian Blaufeux, MD
Natalie Schwartz, MD
Danielle Wales, MD
Daniel Nicoll, MD
Charles Wiles III, MD
Roy Korn, MD
Arthur Wise, MD
Kenneth Eckert III, MD
Willie Underwood, MD
Barry Rabin, M

Invited Guest

Teena Nelson, Manager, ABMS
Portfolio Program

Excused

Gregory L. Pinto, MD Commissioner

Staff

Troy Oechsner, Executive VP
Pat Clancy, Senior VP/Managing
Director
Moe Auster, Senior VP & Chief
Legislative Counsel
Cayla Lauder, MPH, Public Health
Associate
Zina Cary, VP Legislative Affairs
Michael Bartlett, Legislative Associate
Miriam Hardin, PhD, Manager, CME

1) Welcome

2) Review of February 9, 2022 Minutes – Approved

**3) Update on Telehealth Parity Legislation – Moe Auster, Sr. VP, Chief
Legislative Counsel and Zina Cary, VP for Legislative Affairs**

Zina Cary reports that they were able to secure Telehealth Payment Parity for all modalities in the final budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Ms. Cary indicated that it comes with a two-year sunset which are often renewed and ensured that when the time comes, they will put efforts in making sure it gets renewed and

11 mentioned that there is a provision that inquires insurers to report information to
12 DFS. Ms. Cary indicated that it was a great collaboration with several specialty
13 groups and legislators and is very happy with the outcome. Mr. Auster mentioned
14 that it was a lot of work overriding the will of the Assembly Insurance Committee
15 Chairman. Dr. Bradley congratulated MSSNY on a great job on a great success.
16 Dr. Bradley asked whether the scope covers all care provided within New York,
17 Mr. Auster indicated that it only covers within the realm of regulated insurance
18 plans. Dr. Lopresto stated how this was an important win and indicated how this
19 should garner new memberships because it exemplifies the power of what MSSNY
20 does to change rules in favor of protecting patients and physician's practice. Dr.
21 Lopresto commented that these are the types of messages that they should use
22 to try and attract new members, so they better understand what MSSNY does.

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24 Dr. Basil brought up discussion of the ability of getting grassroots messages out
25 to people making them aware of these wins. Mr. Auster mentioned MSSNY's e-
26 newsletter and stated that it's not a bad idea to send it out through grassroots
27 action center reminding of their wins and successful outcomes. Mr. Auster added
28 that MSSNY has a number of other issues as they enter the end of session where
29 they're also asking for grassroots activity.

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31 **4)Presentation on ABMS Portfolio Program—Teena Nelson, Manager,**
32 **ABMS Portfolio Program**

33 Dr. Hardin briefly discussed a MSSNY CME Committee memo regarding the ABMS
34 Portfolio Program and stated that the program could potentially provide a valuable
35 member benefit and stated that the Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
36 Committee is the appropriate MSSNY committee to oversee this type of program.
37 Dr. Maese mentioned that the committee discussed this at length and felt that it
38 would be beneficial to their members in everything they're trying to do globally
39 with CME. Ms. Clancy indicated that from the MSSNY perspective, the requirement
40 is still there, and it is allowing members to easily get those credits applied. Dr.
41 Maese commented that although they cannot change requirements, they can
42 make it easier for those members to meet those requirements. Ms. Clancy
43 indicated that from her perspective, after hearing the ABMS Portfolio Program
44 Presentation, the Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee could make
45 a recommendation to support this concept and forward that recommendation to
46 the MSSNY Council for their approval.

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48 Dr. Bradley and Ms. Clancy discussed the HOD CME meeting held on May 20th –
49 Ms. Clancy informed every one of the various MSSNY sponsored programs
50 scheduled and mentioned that they do provide credits.

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52 Ms. Clancy and Dr. Bradley briefly discussed the committee's memberships.
53 Dr. Bradley raised the concern over absences. Ms. Clancy indicated that they do
54 review committee lists and do recommendations and send correspondence
55 regarding memberships status to members - she also indicated that after the
56 House of Delegates there will be new committee lists and appointments.

58 Mr. Auster reiterated the importance of looking for information in MSSNY's e-news
59 for information about the legislation they're working on as they head into the last
60 weeks of session and emphasized the importance of writing letters to legislators
61 and how extremely helpful physician grassroots is.
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63 Dr. Hardin introduced and welcomed Ms. Teena Nelson and thanked her for joining
64 the committee meeting as guest speaker on the ABMS Portfolio Program. Ms.
65 Nelson briefly discussed the background of ABMS, its mission and indicated that
66 ABMS is the leading organization for physician board certification and provides the
67 expertise, insights and support to elevate the discipline of specialty medicine. She
68 gave a brief description and briefly discussed with the committee what the ABMS
69 Portfolio Program is, what the benefits of the Portfolio Program to the
70 organization, physicians and PA's include, how the Portfolio Program works and
71 what the program requirements are. Ms. Nelson mentioned that after looking at
72 this committee's wellness program, she wanted to make the committee aware
73 that the National Academy of Medicine just released a compendium for wellness
74 that might be beneficial to add to the resources this committee already has and
75 indicated that she will follow up with Ms. Clancy and Dr. Hardin with additional
76 resources.
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78 Ms. Clancy mentioned to the committee after Ms. Nelson was off the call, that it
79 is up to the committee if they move forward with this program and suggested an
80 email discussion about whether they move forward with the program. Dr. Bradley
81 commented that an email follow-up discussion and potential vote is a good way
82 to go. Ms. Clancy indicated that if the committee feels they need a further
83 discussion, they can always have another meeting or they can wait until the next
84 meeting in October to discuss.
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86 **Next meeting is October 26, 2022**

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88 **Adjourned**
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