

**Magellan Behavioral Health of Nebraska, Inc.
Clinical Advisory Committee**

March 19, 2015, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Magellan Goldenrod Conference Room

Committee Chair: Janine Fromm
Minutes prepared by: Jamaree Maack

Participants	Capacity/Affiliation
Janine Fromm, MD	Medical Director, Magellan Behavioral Health of Nebraska, Inc.
Kenneth Zoucha, MD	Community Provider

Prior Minutes

Janine Fromm

Discussion: Minutes for the January 15, 2015 meeting were not discussed.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

Janine Fromm

Discussion: Dr. Fromm provided the summary of the committee’s review of the Magellan Clinical Practice Guidelines. In a final review it was identified that two of the recommended edits on Obesity were not relevant based on the content of the CPG. The summary will be forwarded to the national committee that establishes the CPG.

Psychological Testing Processes

Janine Fromm

Discussion: Approval has been received for the changes to the psych testing authorization processes. Tamara is creating the provider communication documents. There will also be a training offered to ensure providers understand the system changes and have the opportunity to ask questions.

NCCI Edits

Janine Fromm

Discussion: Magellan has been informed that the NCCI edit that restricted individual and family therapy on the same day will be reversed on 4/1/15. This edit was a significant concern for providers in Nebraska, and particularly for providers working areas of the state with limited access to services. Magellan is working on the communication informing providers of the reversal.

Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders

Ken Zoucha

Discussion: Dr. Zoucha identified that there are obstacles that make medication assisted treatment difficult. For example, he has seen good outcomes with Naltrexone but authorization is consistently denied in initial review and has to be appealed every time it is prescribed. The process for becoming approved as a Medicaid provider for Suboxone was also very difficult and he understood how providers could decide that the process is too prohibitive to pursue. Dr. Fromm reported that Magellan fully supports medication assisted treatment and would like to see increased use. She offered any assistance that Magellan could provide to make the process smoother for providers who are prescribing medications as indicated.

Next Meeting		
April 16, 2015	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Magellan Goldenrod Room

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