

ATCA Medicaid Work Group Report for May FY10 meeting

Work group: Medicaid and 3rd Party Payer

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Main work group members: Kathy Allely, Scotty Barr, Bill Bouwens, , Karlene Borja, Laura Coleman, Karen Doster, Michael Handricks, Jessica Harvill, Elmer Howarth, Lynda Koski, Sanya Krenzelok, Cindy Lincoln, Alan Moma, Marilyn Thomson and Laurie Wiese. In addition, 8 other people receive the information.

Summary of activities since last meeting:

The group has met once since February. We are currently working on template flyers on to promote the new Medicaid changes once they have been finalized and made public.

Summary of activities or discussions anticipated for the next 4 months:

- Look into publishing the Tobacco Medicaid utilization data in an EPI bulletin.
- Research ways of getting the new benefit to physicians and pharmacists state-wide.
- Organize a meeting with Kathy Allely, Renee Gayhart, Michelle Lyons-Brown to discuss how best pursue Medicaid changes to reduce barriers to the tobacco cessation counseling benefit.
- Review the table developed from the Multi-State Collaborative on effective approaches including: insurance coverage, health plan education, state employee insurance coverage, large employee focused outreach and education to leverage purchasing health plans that include tobacco cessation, targeted collaboration, Quit line tie with insurance, and Medicaid changes.