

## **Illinois Department of Health and Family Services (HFS) PCCM Behavioral and Mental Health Subcommittee**

### **Goal**

To serve as a communication vehicle between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and its PCCM program administrator, Automated Health Systems (AHS) for the Illinois Health Connect program and the mental health community throughout the state on issues of program administration.

### **Tasks**

The Behavioral and Mental Health Subcommittee will:

- Review and make suggestions on the design, execution and coordination of the Behavioral and Mental Health-related components of Illinois Health Connect.
- Identify potential areas of cooperation/coordination between the PCCM and community based behavioral health and substance abuse providers and consumer advocacy organizations;
- Identify key interfaces between hospital and community-based MH providers, medical providers and PCCM and facilitate communication between providers and across sites of care about program enrollees with primary or co-morbid behavioral health conditions;
- Recommend to the Steering Committee effective strategies to improve the overall health of program enrollees with behavioral health diagnoses;
- Provide suggestions and feedback on Illinois Health Connect provider and participant materials that address Behavioral and Mental Health topics;
- Provide suggestions and feedback to support the Quality Management Program for Illinois Health Connect.

### **Membership**

The Behavioral and Mental Health (BMH) Subcommittee takes its direction from, and reports to the Illinois HFS PCCM Steering Committee.

The Behavioral and Mental Health (BMH) Subcommittee will be chaired by the Illinois Health Connect Medical Director.

The Behavioral and Mental Health Subcommittee will be composed of individuals of the state of Illinois with experience, knowledge, and interest in the delivery of health care services to low income citizens and medically vulnerable groups with mental health conditions. Membership is voluntary and open to any interested party.

Membership may include, but is not limited to:

- Physicians and other representatives of health care professions who are familiar with the medical and behavioral health needs of low-income population groups;
- Current medical and behavioral health providers of medical assistance services to PCCM program enrollees;
- Representatives of behavioral health consumer advocacy and provider organizations;
- Representatives from HFS, DMH and DASA;
- PCCM Program (Illinois HealthConnect) staff;
- Other persons knowledgeable about the health care needs of this population.

### **Meetings**

The Subcommittee will meet up to quarterly throughout the year. The HFS PCCM Steering Committee may request additional or special meetings.

The agenda for meetings will include topics identified by HFS staff, the Steering Committee, and the Subcommittee Chair and/or members. Agenda items and meeting materials will be submitted by the Chair to HFS staff and Subcommittee members at least 3 business days in advance of each scheduled meeting.

Meetings may be conducted via teleconference or in-person at the discretion of the meeting Chair. All in-person meetings will include a teleconferencing option to maximize opportunities for participation.

Written meeting minutes will be recorded for all Subcommittee meetings. Minutes will be submitted to the designated HFS contact within 5 business days after each scheduled meeting for review and approval.

After HFS approval, meeting minutes will be distributed to Subcommittee members via email or regular mail. With HFS approval, minutes may also be posted on the Illinois Health Connect website.