

FYI Fridays

(Policy Guidance and DBH Updates)

April 20, 2018

- 1. Budget Update** – The Department’s budget was marked up in the Senate this week. The Senate Budget Committee voted the bill out and it will be taken up on the Senate Floor next week. What we do know today is as follows:
- Provider Rate Increase 1.5% restored by the House was supported by the Senate.
 - The Opioid New Decision Item (NDI) for Peers in the ER and ATR recovery supports was restored to the Governor’s position. This item is set to go to Conference.
 - The Behavioral Health Pilot Program in STL City NDI (Rep. May) was eliminated by the Senate. This item is set to go to Conference.
 - Sen. Curls added \$800,000 FED to support the Crisis System in KC. We believe it is intended for the KC Assessment and Triage Center, but it is unknown at this time. This item is set to go to Conference.

A lot can still happen with the budget on the Senate floor next week as amendments may be taken up. We hope to know more about what is in the FY2019 budget and what is going to Conference Committee for the next Friday update.

- 2. CSTAR Contract Requirements RE: Pregnant Women** – A recent data pull shows that a large number of pregnant women are being served in General Population CSTAR programs. While the priority is always to get pregnant women near immediate services (and we appreciate GP programs doing so), please recognize that pregnant women are **MOST APPROPRIATELY** served in the Women and Children’s CSTAR programs. Please be sure to consider if a warm referral/hand-off to a WC CSTAR is appropriate. Relevant contract language is reprinted below (emphasis added):

*The contractor shall refer pregnant women to a Women and Children’s CSTAR program **unless the contractor’s treatment team determines that the individual’s needs are best met in the contractor’s treatment program, and there is clear justification in the clinical record for such determination or the contractor cannot immediately make arrangements for admission to a Women and Children’s CSTAR program.** In the event that **temporary** admission into the contractor’s program is needed, **arrangements for transfer to a Women and Children’s CSTAR program should be completed as soon as possible with **efforts documented** in the consumer’s record.***

If the contractor is unable to refer to a Women and Children’s CSTAR program or immediately assess and admit a pregnant woman, the contractor shall **contact the appropriate Regional Office Representative** to make arrangements for immediate admission to treatment with another provider.

- 3. Update on Administrative Rules Revisions** – DBH staff continue to review and update rules published in the *Code of State Regulations (CSR)* in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order. All proposed amendments must be approved by the Governor’s Office prior to publication in the *Missouri Register* for public comments. To date, proposed amendments for Prevention Programs and SATOP have been published for public comments. Numerous amendments will be published in the *Missouri Register* in the near future including Gambling Disorder Treatment, Core Rules for Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs, and the Community Psychiatric Rehabilitation (CPR) program. The primary goal of this extensive review is to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden for Missouri citizens. DBH providers and other stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input before any proposed changes are submitted to the Governor’s Office for approval.
- 4. Opioid Crisis Management Team Training** - The next Opioid Crisis Management Training will be held in Kansas City on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 (1pm to 5pm). The focus of the trainings will be on the Medical, Psychosocial, and Administrative aspects of implementing evidence-based opioid treatment programs. Each event will include brief presentations, followed by topic-specific breakout sessions and group dialogue about barriers and solutions. Please register at the link below, and please send this to colleagues who you think would be interested:

The Aladdin Holiday Inn Hotel
Roof Garden Ballroom 16th Floor
1215 Wyandotte Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

Register here: <https://katiehorst.wufoo.com/forms/mfumvbb0m3phgd/>

Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!