

**LTCIP Data/Finance Workgroup
Meeting Notes
September 10, 2002**

I. Participants

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II. Discussion Points

- Overview of the current rate cell categories:
2 categories – Aged and Disabled
3 Tiers - 1) clients at home w/no extra help 2) clients at home, but receiving IHSS 3) client in SNF for x # of months
- Health Plans should receive specific reimbursement for these groups.
- Health Plans need to agree on rate cell categories before going ahead with full actuarial study.
- Centers for Medicaid /Medicare Services (CMS-formerly HCFA) and funders for long term care integration are interested in dual eligible cap rates; need to address the Medicare side of the financing equation to make LTCIP attractive to CMS and funders.
- Workgroup needs to collaborate and work with Medicare + Choice plans to bring in Medicare dollars.
- Becoming an approved M+C health plan is an expensive and time-consuming process.
- Lifemark pursuing M+C license in California; just received license in Texas.
- Need to develop action plan in the case that the State mandates the Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) population into Medi-Cal managed care (possibly July 2004).

III. Suggestions/Recommendations

- Focus on full integration model and dual capitation rates.
- Engage key players in the process sooner rather than later: CMS, Health Plans, State actuary
- Ask a health plan representative to chair the Data/Finance workgroup.

IV. Current Action Steps

- Request from State that disabled group be broken out by age categories.
- Organize meeting with local health plans to discuss rate cell categories & continued participation in the LTCIP.
- Request State assistance for full actuarial study.
- Ask CMS if they would view Medicaid managed care plans as qualified to receive Medicare caps for duals. If not, would there be a way to expedite the process of becoming and M+C health plan.
- Draft an action plan for potential funders; focus on fully integrated option.

V. Next Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2002, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, AIS Administrative Conference Room.