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Subject: Budget and Performance Measures Statement for Request for Approps Tomorrow
Attachments: Handout for 2-6-2018 Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee Meeting v2.0.pdf

Attached is the handout we anticipate supplying to the committee regarding my Request for Appropriations tomorrow.

Since it is a proposal for a rate increase, you said a couple of sentences would replace a formal budget. Also, you said I could suggest adopting performance measures since Medicaid has not defined any measurements for home health care providers.

In case you need that in writing, here are those statements:

BUDGET:

Over the last 15 years, home care providers for Medicaid patients in Utah have received two increases. The first one in 2006 was 4%, and the second one in 2012 was 10% on average. The consumer price index for medical services over the same period has risen 74%. Due to the lack of Medicaid rate increases, there has been a 19% decrease over the past four years of Medicaid providers serving home care patients. This has created an access to services problem for patients. Agencies who continue to serve Medicaid patients do so below cost in many cases. A rate increase is needed to help providers continue to provide care. Home care is much less expensive than institutional care, and patients usually prefer to be in their own homes.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

According to the Utah Association of Home Care, Medicaid does not currently have any performance measures for providers. We would encourage Medicaid to adopt some of the performance measures used by Medicare, which include Home Health Compare Quality Scores, Five Star Ratings, and Patient Satisfaction Surveys.

TABLES OF DATA:

(attached – we made 50 copies of this handout for committee and attendees.)

Sorry this is coming to you so late. The agency and I miscommunicated.

Thank you!

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