

hawk-i Clinical Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting October 27, 2011

Thomas Kline, DO, **hawk-i** CAC Chair

CAC Members Present:

Stephanie Sinclair, NP
John Stecker, MD
Douglas Horton, DDS
Deb Bixler, DO
Justin Ramsey, MD

CAC Members Absent:

Richard Votta, MD

hawk-i and contract staff present:

Anna Ruggle, **hawk-i** Policy
Shellie Goldman, **hawk-i** Policy
Tonya Sickels, Telligen
Diane Morrill, Telligen
Kathi Erickson, Wellmark
Karla Fultz-McHenry, Delta
Sharon Newman, Wellmark
Mary Sweeney, UnitedHealthcare
Julie Thorson, Wellmark

Called to Order at 1:28 p.m.

Introductions of CAC members, and staff from **hawk-i** Policy, Telligen, Delta, UnitedHealthcare, and Wellmark. Roles of staff related to the **hawk-i** Program were discussed in general.

The role of the **hawk-i** CAC was discussed. The CAC will review the overall quality of the **hawk-i** program, as well as appropriate clinical practice guidelines. Outcomes of quality initiatives, performance measures, and performance improvement projects will be presented and reviewed by the CAC. Advice regarding policies of the managed care programs in general and oversight of the policies and quality programs in place will be sought from the CAC. The CAC is a mandated committee that reports to the **hawk-i** Board of Directors. The **hawk-i** medical director will represent the CAC at Board meetings, when requested.

Future meetings will be conducted onsite at the IME facility, with telephone conferencing. Members and guests of the CAC are encouraged to join the meetings either in person or via telephone conferencing. The next scheduled meeting of the CAC will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Call in information will be disseminated to all involved parties prior to the meeting.

Shellie Goldman presented information on the **hawk-i** Program. The **hawk-i** Program began in 1999. The program is now available for children under the age of 19 whose family income falls between 133% and 200% of the Federal poverty level. There is also a dental-only plan available to children with existing medical insurance without dental benefits. The **hawk-i** Program currently has an enrollment of 36,801 children.

An overview of HEDIS was given. The National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS[®]) is a nationally-recognized tool for monitoring the quality of care in health plans. The Children's Health Insurance Program reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 included a core set of quality measures that are to be utilized by CHIP Programs in an attempt to formalize quality outcomes across the nation. Several of these measures are HEDIS measures. Each plan's outcomes of the CHIPRA measures will be utilized by the CAC and **hawk-i** Policy staff to assure quality care outcomes are maintained by the plans. All results will be presented to the CAC in order to provide baseline data and help determine areas for quality focus and goals.

The **hawk-i** Quality Strategic Plan was discussed. A **hawk-i** quality strategy will be created incorporating strategies currently utilized by each health and dental plan and Telligen. The **hawk-i** Quality Strategic Plan will outline Program objectives, goals, and outcomes of data collection. The Plan will delineate quality activities and goals to be achieved by all involved contractors.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.