e-Prescribing Workgroup
AUGUST 12, 2019 PHONE CALL – MEETING NOTES

Materials posted at Workgroup web page

Updates

- Karen assumed a new position as supervisor of e-health and health information exchange at MDH. She will continue as primary coordinator for the workgroup, with support from Anne Schloegel (the original eRx workgroup coordinator) and other staff.

- The diagnosis code study group held a conference call on July 26. They have drafted and reviewed a charter. Tricia Krause is in the process of obtaining legal approval for use of Surescripts’ data.

- In late June the MN Hospital Association convened a meeting with the MN Board of Pharmacy to discuss issues with electronically generated discharge medication lists for patients who are being transitioned to skilled nursing facilities and transitional care units. Hospitals and health systems had noted recent delays in patients at these facilities getting their discharge medications. As a result of this discussion, BOP released new guidance on July 26.
  - Link to MN Hospital Assn news item about discharge med issues
  - Link to ensuing BOP guidance

ePrior Authorization proposed rule response

Karen shared a draft of the MN e-Health Initiative’s coordinated response for the CMS NPRM on ePA. Workgroup members helped to clarify language and concepts, but otherwise generally agreed with the direction of the comments.

Comments were submitted on August 13 and are posted at https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/coordresponse/index.html

Priorities for 2019-20

- **CancelRx**: Discussion focused on the need to encourage implementation. NCPDP is updating their guidance on this; MN should use that guidance (rather than develop our own), and share messages relating to the importance of this transaction, progress among MN prescribers and dispensers, and best practices for implementing. Lee Mork presented on this at the 2019 MN e-Health Summit and has agreed to present again as a webinar. The target timing will be Fall 2019.

- **Medication therapy management**: Karen will explore opportunities to engage a broader audience on this topic, including MDH epidemiologists (see July meeting notes for more info). The e-Health Initiative is also working to improve health information exchange across the care continuum, which should provide some infrastructure to support MTM.
• **Real time benefit check:** The BETA version NCPDP Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) Standard was approved by NCPDP members during the August 2019 NCPDP Joint Technical Work Group Meetings. NCPDP is planning to award grants to fund a proof of concept research pilot project. Awards are expected to be made by late November. Any workgroup activity will be to monitor progress.

• **Indication-based prescribing:** Mark Siska offered to engage a Mayo colleague who co-authored a paper on indication-based prescribing. This may be a good webinar opportunity for MDH to host.