

MHCC Provider/Carrier Workgroup

Study on Self-Referral

Workgroup Charge: Examine the desirability and feasibility of modifying Maryland self-referral law by permitting practices to receive exceptions to offer certain physician and ancillary in-office services if practices participate in cost control and quality reporting programs. The Workgroup will complete work in time for any recommendations to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2016 Legislative Session.

Meeting 1: June 24, 2015 – Introductory Meeting

- A. Background on Maryland Self-referral law and Stark Law – Board of Physicians or MHCC
- B. Workgroup purpose and charge- MHCC
- C. Alignment of the current state self-referral law with health reform initiatives – HSCRC
- D. Stakeholder perspective- Discussion

Meeting 2: July 22, 2015 Existing shared savings programs and opportunities

- A. Existing shared savings programs for specialty care-Payers
- B. Medicare incentive programs
- C. Gainsharing initiatives
- D. Suggestions from providers

Meeting 3: September 2, 2015 – Aligning Quality and Cost Initiatives

- A. Shared savings and cost incentives that align with an exception for self-referral
 - a. Existing programs that could qualify
 - b. Other programs that need to be created
- B. Quality reporting measures that could be considered
- C. Capability of practices to comply with new cost and quality requirements

Meeting 4: October 7, 2015 – Preliminary report review

- A. Services that could be eligible for exemption
- B. Shared savings programs, cost incentives, and gain sharing that are aligned
- C. Quality measures that would be used in an exemption
- D. How would a new exception process be administered?
 - a. Approval
 - b. Reporting
 - c. Consequences when Practices do not comply

Meeting 5: Date TBD – Final review-

- A. Walkthrough on Conclusions
- B. Update to the Standing Committees as requested

November – Presentation to MHCC

December 1– Transmission to Chairs of HGO and Finance Committees