

# Home Care Work Group

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# Agenda

- ▶ Quality ~ Reactions
- ▶ Status of Updating Episodic Model with 2008 Claims Data and 2008 OASIS Data
- ▶ Wage Index Options
- ▶ Subcontracting
- ▶ Next Meeting ~ November 10<sup>th</sup>

# Updating Episodic Model for 2008 OASIS and 2008 Claims Data

- ▶ Effective January 1, 2008 CMS Updated OASIS B
- ▶ The updates impact how case mix (HIPPS codes) are determined
- ▶ The number of Clinical Groups reduced from 4 to 3
  - Groups now also impacted by Therapy Visits and Early/Late Episode Designation
    - Early Episode (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 60 Day Episode)
    - Late Episode (3<sup>rd</sup> or Subsequent 60 Day Episode)
- ▶ The number of Functional Groups reduced from 5 to 3
  - Groups now also impacted by Therapy Visits and Early/Late Episode Designation
    - Early Episode (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 60 Day Episode)
    - Late Episode (3<sup>rd</sup> or Subsequent 60 Day Episode)

# Updating Episodic Model for 2008 OASIS and 2008 Claims Data Underway

- ▶ The timing of an episode (i.e., early or late) impacts how case mix / HIPPS is determined
- ▶ Claims data will be used to determine if an OASIS assessment is related to an early or late episode
- ▶ OASIS assessments with their Early/Late designation will be used to determine HIPPS code
- ▶ HIPPS codes will be matched with claims to determine costs by case mix and episode
- ▶ When assigning claims to an episode it is assumed:
  - A 60-day period constitutes an episode.
  - A first episode begins from an actual date of service and the following episodes will be constructed in a 60-day increment.
  - The counter will be reset when there is a gap in service.
  - A change in CHHA providers in the course of CHHA services does not reset the counter.
  - A look-back to January 2007 claims will be applied
- ▶ Dollars related to claims from patients under 18 will be excluded from analysis that calculates base price and weights

# CHHA Medicaid Spending Growth Is Concentrated in NYC

2003-2008 CHHA Medicaid Expenditures (\$000)							
Region	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change 2003 to 2007	2008 (Preliminary*)
Statewide	\$760,465	\$806,927	\$918,776	\$1,088,055	\$1,164,802	53.2%	\$1,164,278
New York City	\$638,340	\$679,177	\$793,010	\$954,052	\$1,022,533	60.2%	\$1,020,340
Suburban NYC	\$35,725	\$38,266	\$39,408	\$42,151	\$43,057	20.5%	\$50,725
Upstate	\$85,401	\$88,681	\$85,575	\$90,970	\$98,073	16.2%	\$93,213

\* Based on 2008 claims paid through July 2009, plus estimated amount for RTR and AQE rate add-ons.

Source: Department of Health Data Mart

# CHHA Medicaid Recipients Continue to Decline

2003-2008 CHHA Medicaid Recipients								
Region	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change 2003 to 2007		2008 (Preliminary*)
Statewide	92,604	89,750	89,144	89,234	88,572	-4.4%		82,222
New York City	53,800	51,553	51,676	52,468	51,214	-4.8%		49,517
Suburban NYC	10,152	10,143	9,896	10,106	9,464	-6.8%		8,832
Upstate	28,392	27,825	27,364	26,450	27,706	-2.4%		23,873

\* Based on 2008 claims paid through July 2009.

Source: Department of Health Data Mart

# Wage Index Factor (WIF) Options

- 1) Update 2009 Proposal WIF using 2007 Cost Report Data for Wages
  - Three Regions ~ New York City, Other Downstate (Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam), Upstate
  
- 2) NYPHRM Regions using 2007 Cost Report Data for Wages
  - 8 Regions ~ NYC, Long Island, Northern Metropolitan, Northeastern, Western, Utica, Central, Rochester
  
- 3) Medicare Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) and Rural Regions using BLS Data for Wages
  - 17 Regions ~ 4 rural, 13 urban

# Update 2009 WIF Proposal

- ▶ 2009 proposal uses same three regions as the ceiling calculation in current CHHA reimbursement ~ New York City, Other Downstate, Upstate
- ▶ WIF based on average wages reported in 2007 certified CHHA cost reports ~ 85 % of costs affected by Wages
- ▶ For each region, average wage was computed for two groups of employees: professional (nursing and therapy) and home health aides (HHA).
- ▶ Regional average wage was divided by statewide average to arrive at regional index value
- ▶ Weighted average wage was then computed for each region, based on proportion of professional and HHA employees in that region.

2007 WIF	
New York City:	1.037696
Other Downstate:	0.915305
Upstate:	0.813683



# Updated WIF Using NYPRHM Regions

NYPHRM Region	Counties	WIF
New York City	Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond	1.037065
Long Island	Nassau, Suffolk	0.861598
Northern Metro	Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester	0.975345
Northeastern	Albany, Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington	0.806147
Western	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming	0.859773
Utica	Chenango, Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Otsego, St. Lawrence	0.808072
Rochester	Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates	0.798407
Central	Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Onondaga, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins	0.782360

# WIF Using CBSA Regions and BLS Wage Data

- ▶ Uses 2008 Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics Data for Wages that are Reported by the CBSA Regions and the Rural Regions from the following Occupational Categories:
  - Home Health Aide (HHA)
  - Registered Nurses (RN)
  - Occupational Therapists (OT)
  - Physical Therapists (PT)
  - Speech Therapists (ST)
  
- ▶ The occupational categories are weighted by Medicaid visits as reported in the 2008 cost report
  - HHA      77.28%
  - RN        20.30%
  - OT        .47%
  - PT        1.75%
  - ST        .20%

# WIF Using CBSA Regions and BLS Wage Data

CBSA Region	Counties/Rural/ MSA	WIF
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie	1.024727
Binghamton, NY	Broome, Tioga	1.082085
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	Erie, Niagara	0.967799
Capital/Northern New York Nonmetropolitan Area (Rural)	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, St. Lawrence	1.000469
Central New York Nonmetropolitan Area (Rural)	Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Sullivan	0.961371
East Central New York Nonmetropolitan Area (Rural)	Columbia, Greene	1.006498
Elmira, NY	Chemung	1.034501
Glens Falls, NY	Warren, Washington	1.083210
Ithaca, NY	Tompkins	0.971704
Kingston, NY	Ulster	0.953319

# WIF Using CBSA Regions and BLS Wage Data

CBSA Region	Counties/Rural/ MSA	WIF
Nassau-Suffolk, NY Metropolitan Division	Nassau, Suffolk	1.046171
New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY-NJ Metropolitan Division	Bronx, Kings, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Westchester, Bergen NJ, Hudson NJ, Passaic NJ	0.992613
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh- Middletown, NY	Dutchess, Orange	1.147664
Rochester, NY	Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wayne	1.013840
Southwest New York Nonmetropolitan Area (Rural)	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wyoming, Yates	0.994422
Syracuse, NY	Madison, Onondaga, Oswego	1.023131
Utica-Rome, NY	Herkimer, Oneida	1.146203

# Subcontracting: Survey Discussion

- ▶ Lack of Consensus Among Members
  - Several members do not support the survey:
    - Concern for proprietary information
    - Concern about level of intrusiveness
    - Concern that the survey goes beyond the scope of the workgroup
  - Others Provided Suggestions:
    - Expand survey to include other programs or by payer
    - Use weighted average wage rate
    - Eliminate specific benefit questions
    - Streamline survey to allow for better comparability