



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

December 12, 2018

HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 1:15 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Business Meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the facility membership of:

- **Morris View Healthcare Ctr**, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 - 283 NF Beds

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Associate memberships of:

- **Patriot Energy**, Pine Brook, NJ 07058/Architects Construction
- **Connect America**, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004/Medical/Surgical/Supplies

Reimbursement: There was a CMS education session on PDPM on December 11. There is a link on our website for the 90 slides presented. These slides contain helpful resources. The Medicare Prior Authorization Model for Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport is being extended in current model states including NJ, for one additional year to allow CMS to continue to evaluate the model and determine if it meets the statutory requirements for nationwide expansion. The PNA allowance for nursing center residents increased to \$50 per month as of July 1, 2017. However, NC residents that receive SSI payments to fund their PNA accounts have not seen an increase in their monthly checks. We have been advised by member centers that residents are receiving notices that their monthly SSI benefits will be raised to \$50 per month effective January 1, 2018. The State had advised HCANJ that these residents would also be receiving a retroactive payment for benefits from July 2017. We will update any additional information as we receive it. A question was raised about the possibility of Tom's shortfall information being added to the state-by-state report. Discussion: AHCA creating a tool box to help states with their provider taxes. We should be putting provider tax before shortfall. Will PDPM create an issue for the Upper Payment Limit? Until State "gets it," we are not going to get much help. We need a more proactive way to present an issue and a solution. President stated that our advocacy efforts are being overhauled for the New Year.

Quality: CMS is encouraging surveys done during the weekends because of the results they are seeing in the PBJ reports. PDPM – we have advanced warning about what you should be doing now to be ready by October. RUGs will stop on Sept. 30 with PDPM immediately beginning 10/1. You can be very successful under this new method but you must understand the shift and what will be necessary. Coding will be critical to how resident care will be reimbursed.

The president spoke on the Wanaque adenovirus outbreak and subsequent Senate hearing. Dr. David Gifford from AHCA came up to give testimony. Members are urged to get their infection preventionist onboard.

Education – We are partnering with AHCA on February 20 at Forsgate Country Club for PDPM training. See Healthcare Beacon for the information we have to date.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the 2019 budget.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the Executive Board list. The approval of committees has been tabled until the January meeting.

Several other reports were given, and topics discussed, however, no further formal action was taken. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jon Dolan
President/CEO