

SBWC Finance and Implementation workgroup SME Discussion Recommendation 12

March 19, 2021

Attendees: Gary Kirchhof from Highmark, Chris Haas and Kimberly Robinson.

Shannon gave some background of the work on the strategic plan and explained that the Finance Committee workgroup.

Gary mentioned that suppressing is done on a case by case basis automatic suppression of EOBs would not be possible.

Member cost share would not go away with high deductible plans as it is federal law.

Chris asked why the recommendation is noted as a financial sustainability component. She indicated this would not be related to Finance and Sustainability as it would be included as part of an all-inclusive code. In her perspective EOBs are important for insurance carriers to track. Highly values on behalf of consumers.

Gary mentioned that this is a collection issue not a financial and sustainability issue. This would not change the system and works for Medicaid plans and not for commercial plans. Look for alternative solutions address their collection issue. It does not matter what level the rates if they can't collect.

Ana asked if there was a way to add SBWC's services to the list of preventive services for commercial payers pay the services. Kimberly mentioned only CMS services determines what is considered a preventive service.

SMEs agreed this recommendation should not move forward due to Federal regulations and state regulations.