

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care



# Heritage Health Stakeholder Forum Agenda

Meeting Date / Time	Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, CT
Meeting Location	Nebraska State Office Building
	301 Centennial Mall South
	Lower Level Conference Room A
	Lincoln, NE 68509
Conference Line	(888) 820 – 1398
	Access Code: 4533256#

### Agenda:

Topics	Facilitator
Welcome and Introductions	Heather Leschinsky
NTC Update RE:	NTC Representative
RX Advance	
Therapy Authorizations	
NEMT	Kris Radke
Status Update - Known Issues Log	Health Plan Representatives
Open Forum Provider Feedback	Carmen Bachle
Adjourn	Heather Leschinsky

## **Next Meeting:**

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### **Summary:**

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Topics	Facilitator
Welcome and Introductions	Lisa Neeman
Lisa Neeman, Health Services Policy Administrator welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Roll Call: Lisa Neeman took roll call of the committee members: National Alliance on Mental illness; Jennifer Acierne, Leading Age Nebraska, Jean Anderson, Lancaster County Medical Society, Sheila Augustine, Nebraska Medicine; Beth Baxter, Regional Admin. Behavioral Health Region Three; Janet Seelhoff, Ryan Beethe, Nebraska Home Care Association; Amy Behnke, Health Center of Association of Nebraska (HCAN); Carele Beye, President & CEO for Community Alliance; Margaret Brockman, DHHS, Div. of Public Health; Pat Connell, Vice President, Behavioral Health, Compliance, & Government with Boys Town; Jon Day, Executive Director of Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Annette Dubas, Executive Director, NABHO; Shannon Engler, Director, Counseling & Mental Health Services of Bryan Health; Jon Eslick, RelyCare Pharmacy; Wayne Fisher, Ph.D., Director, Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders; Ingrid Gansebom, Region Four; Tamara Gavin, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services; Frannie Green, MAMES; Leri Hack, Wellcare of Nebraska; Topher Hansen, NABHO; Cerina Harrison, DHHS, Div. of Developmental Disabilities; Rhonda Hawke, The Hawks Foundation; Lincoln Pediatric; Jan Henderson, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; C.J. Johnson, Regional Admin. Behavioral Health Regional Health Region Five; Christine Johnson, Behavioral Health Support Foundation; Patti Jurjevich, Regional Admin. Behavioral Health Region Six; Cindy Kadavy, Nebraska Health Care Association; Darla Lapointe, Winnebage Tribe of Nebraska; Leri Lundquist Wall, Ph.D.; Nebraska Psychological Association; Vernon Miller, Chairman, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Ellen MeElderry, Nebraska Total Care; Cassandra Price, United Healths, Care Association, Nebraska Medical Association; Marilyn Rhoten, Alegent/CHI Health; Stacy Scholten, DHHS, Div. of Children and Family Services; Julie Scott, Office of Probation Administration; Kathy Seacrest, Behavioral Health Region Two, Janet Seelhoff, Nebraska Home Care Association; Stacy Simonsen; Administrative Office of Probation; David Slattery, Nebraska Hoep	Lisa Neeman

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#### NTC Update RE:

NTC Representative

**RX Advance-**Adam Peters/NTC reported NTC switched claims processors from CVS to RX Advance on April 1st.

**Therapy Authorizations**-Adam/NTC reported that on April 1<sup>st</sup> NTC switched from post service therapy reviews to pre service therapy reviews. This process change was driven by feedback from associations and our provider advisory committee.

Cindy Kadavy/Nebraska Health Care Association asked what was the rational for the switch.

Adam reported that it was provider feedback. Adam reported that a year ago NTC had switched to NIA post service reviews and heard that the process was too burdensome for providers.

#### **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)**

Kris Radke

Kris Radke/MLTC reported copies of Provider Bulletin 19-07 includes each of the managed care contact information, and has been emailed to this group. You will want to distribute to your providers and associations. MLTC will host a provider Webex tentatively set for June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> **for** about 1 ½ hour. Kris will present on behalf of MLTC and each of the health plans and vendors will present. The health plan and vendor will provide information about processes and procedures. A press release will go out with the dates and times. NEMT is set to go-live July 1<sup>st</sup>. All the plans are busy contracting at this time.

Cindy Kadavy/NHCA asked for clarification when members living in a facility require transportation. MLTC confirmed members will continue to receive transportation from the facility.

#### **Status Update-Known Issues Log**

Health Plan Representatives

**UHC**-Cassandra Price reported UHC has no open global issues on our issue log.

**Wellcare**-Melissa Humphrey reported that WellCare has no open global issues on our issue log at this time.

NTC-Adam Peters reported there will be a claims project and NTC will have a hyperlink on the known issue log that will identify providers impacted. NTC will begin a second claim project that is being processed related to EXEG denials. This is the issue NTC recently closed and is related to external com of injury coding. The first project we ran and completed was for facility claims billed on a UB. The second project is for professional services billed on a 1500. The project is in process and should be completed in next 30 days. To obtain the providers impacted please refer to the NTC known issues log.

#### **Open Forum Provider Feedback**

Lisa Neeman

Margaret Brockman/Div. of Public Health asked about the identified rural providers for value based contracts.

Melissa/Wellcare stated WellCare does not have rural providers with a value based contract.

Cassandra/UHC stated UHC would provide the information at the next meeting.

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Adam/NTC reported NTC does not have a rural provider with a value based contract, however NTC does offer pay for performance programs for rural providers.

Lisa/MLTC clarified that pay performance is available through the health plans and is different from value based contracts. Value based contracting requires a significant pool of providers. The pay for Performance is available for all providers. Please reach out to the health plans if you know of any type of providers to expand the network.

Jessica/Nebraska Speech Language and Therapy Association asked if there was a difference on the benefit through the essential health practice for rehabilitate versus habilitative. Lisa Neeman/MLTC stated MLTC does not define it separately especially to children. If it is medically necessity, it is available to children. The medical necessity might be the hold up or where the questions arise.

Lisa representing OUR Homes asked about some direction regarding the prescription drug copay and the financial hardship it is causing. We have about 300 individuals in the residence and about 200 individuals out of the residence. They get about \$64 a month and having to pay that copay is a hardship. I have understood this is a change in policy and that Medicaid is no longer paying those.

Lisa/MLTC stated it has been a change and I understand if affects a lot of people. One of the issues is this is a Medicare program and Medicaid is not allowed by Federal law to pay for those services. We would be in violation of the Federal law if we continue to pay for those Part D copays.

Vicky McQue/Key Therapy stated has there been any changes or updates in respect to accessibility and coverage for wheelchairs. We have been seeing authorizations for medical equipment the rate of denials also spiking and also the time that is required for authorizations to be responded to. The families are being told in the Omaha area to expect 90 to 120 days before they have a decisions about these authorizations. All the health plans asked for specific examples to review to help with this issue.

**Adjourned** Lisa Neeman

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