



## **DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

## 07.05.23 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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**Present:** Jacob Kawamoto, Jordan Himes, Jeshena Gold, Aaron Reece, Doug Bauch, Jackie Orth, Becky Crase (Ponca), Sylvia Allen-Lopez (Ponca), Michelle Runyan (Ponca), Crystal Appleton (Omaha), Nancy Mackey (Santee), Gelisha Palma (HBN), Tiffanie White-Welchen (HBN), RickyAnn Fletcher (MCNA), Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), Mariana Johnson (NTC), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Jenn Nelson (UHC), Stacey Steiner (CMS)

## **SPA/Waiver Updates**

- SPA
  - o 23-0006: Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Telehealth Reimbursement Update
    - Allows for RHCs to be reimbursed at their encounter rate for services appropriately delivered via TH (no Tribal impact).
  - 23-0008: SFY24 Nursing Facility (NF) & Intermediate Care Facility Rate Updates // Update to NF Rate Methodology
    - Reflects SFY24 NF and ICF rate updates and outlines the new methodology to be used for setting NF rates.
  - o 23-0009: SFY24 Inpatient Rate Updates
    - Reflects SFY24 inpatient rate updates.
  - 23-0010: SFY24 Outpatient Rate Updates.
    - Reflects SFY24 outpatient rate updates.
  - 23-0011: Recovery Audit Contractor
    - No change from current practice (no Tribal impact).
- Waiver Authority

## **Additional Items**

- New MLTC Tribal Team Contact from the Communications Team: Jordan Himes
  - o Jordan.Himes@nebraska.gov
- Medicare Crossover Claims Update
  - Jacob has reached out to CMS to see if records of past EOBs billed to Medicare by the Omaha Tribe are available.
  - EOBs provided by Santee for 2017 contain all the needed information for MLTC to reimburse the
    past claims that were not included in the initial report. Santee will let MLTC know whether they
    want MLTC to reimburse all missing claims from 2017-2019 after Santee has submitted EOBs for

2018 and 2019, or if they would prefer reimbursement one year at a time (as the EOBs per year are provided by Santee).

- PHE Data Sharing Agreements
  - MLTC has received a point of contact for each of the Tribes, and these have been forwarded to the MLTC Legal team who is drafting the Data Sharing Agreement. Once drafted, this will be sent out to the Tribes for review and feedback/approval.
- Non-Emergency Transportation (NEMT)
  - At the August Quarterly Consultation meeting, it was agreed that the MCOs and Tribes would discuss how to improve access to transportation services for Tribal beneficiaries.
    - MLTC Update: The Tribes will need to work with the NE Public Service Commission (PSC) to receive certification before working with Maximus to enroll as an NEMT provider.
      - PSC contact: <a href="mailto:stasha.oborny@nebraska.gov">stasha.oborny@nebraska.gov</a>
    - Have any of the Tribes begun working with the PSC to become certified?
  - QUESTION (Omaha): Why do the Tribes need to do this? Omaha hadn't heard of the PSC before.
    - ANSWER: The PSC regulates intrastate transportation for hire on Nebraska's public highways. MLTC asked the PSC whether the Tribes would need to be certified through the PSC, or if the Tribes would be exempt as NEMT providers. The PSC responded that if rides were only on the reservations, then the Tribes would be exempt. But if the Tribes plan to provide rides beyond the reservations, then they would need to be certified through the PSC.
  - NTC also noted they hadn't heard of the PSC before. They will have to take that back to leadership.
  - o Omaha noted they may already be enrolled with MLTC as an NEMT provider
- NTC's Tribal Health Advisory Committee Meeting on July 12th will include MTM with a presentation on Transportation and Envolve Dental with a presentation on the new dental product going live
- **QUESTION** (Santee): Molina's dental contractor is telling Santee they need to contract with them to bill for services. Will MLTC clarify that this is not needed for the Tribes?
  - ANSWER: Yes. Santee to send the email they received to Jacob/Jeshena, and MLTC will coordinate
    with Molina and their dental contractor to reiterate that the Tribes do not need to enter into
    contracts.
- QUESTION: Have the Tribes heard anything from Molina about setting up Payer IDs?
  - ANSWER: Santee has not. None of the other Tribes voiced that they had heard from Molina either.
    - MLTC will reach out to Molina to reiterate that the Tribes are expecting outreach to ensure systems are set up and ready for the new contracts.