

**NEBRASKA MEDICAID MANAGED LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

February 18, 2014

1:30 to 4:00 PM

Lower Level Conference Room D

Nebraska State Office Building

301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska

Members in attendance: Heath Boddy, Kathy Hoell, Tim Kolb, Julie Kaminski, Steve Morris, Marcia Mueting, June Pederson, Patty Pierson, Mike Schafer, Janet Seelhoff, Joni Thomas, Frank Velinsky

Members not in attendance: Brian Allison, Keri Bennett, Kim Falk, Natalie Torrez

DHHS staff in attendance: Julie Docter, Julie Gillmor, Heather Leschinsky, Courtney Miller

Welcome

Julie Docter welcomed the Council members.

MLTSS Updates

Heather Leschinsky updated the Council about the status of MLTSS implementation:

- The targeted implementation date has been postponed until January 1, 2017, with the RFP being released in late summer or early fall, 2015. The intent of this adjusted timeline is to allow a full 12 month transition period after contract award. Closed session review of the draft RFP by Council members with no possible future financial interest in a potential bidder is planned to begin in June or July, 2014.
- Nebraska Medicaid's external quality review organization, Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO) is tentatively planned to present at the Council's next meeting. Questions were raised by Council members about the quality measures Nebraska Medicaid plans to use. Heather explained that these measures have not yet been identified, although the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has outlined 22 measures for children and 26 for adults. Only some of these measures are mandatory, however.
- Work groups continue to process MLTSS information from other states and organizations to determine best practices for Nebraska and resolve identified implementation issues.
- CMS has reviewed Nebraska Medicaid's MLTSS Concept and Design paper and commented that it is fundamentally sound. They have provided additional feedback which staff will discuss with them during a phone call later in March.
- In order to implement MLTSS, Nebraska Medicaid plans to amend its Social Security Act Section 1915 (b) and (c) waivers, the authorities by which the State conducts managed care and Home and Community-Based Services waivers. Technical assistance will be obtained from CMS to do so.
- The number of clients in the targeted MLTSS population may have been under-reported, and an update will be given at the next Council meeting. Also, persons with development disabilities who receive state-funded developmental disability services will be included in MLTSS.
- The MLTSS website has been updated with a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Courtney Miller informed the Council that Nebraska Medicaid is planning to conduct a thorough review of program regulations prior to MLTSS contract award to make sure they are accurate and up-to-date. The results will be reviewed with the Council.

MLTSS Rate Setting Methodology

Using a power point, employees of Optumas, Nebraska Medicaid's contracted actuarial company, presented regarding MLTSS rate setting development. Questions were raised by Council members throughout the presentation.

Questions and Concerns Received from Council Members

A list of questions and concerns received from Council members was distributed, and discussion ensued on the first two questions before the meeting ended. Discussion on the remaining questions, as well as others that may be received, will be continue at the next Council meeting.

Council Input

Heath Boddy submitted to the Council a preliminary list of proposed MLTSS RFP requirements from the Nebraska Health Care Association. Julie Kamanski informed the Council that LeadingAge has also submitted a letter to Vivianne Chaumont, Director, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, containing a list of provisions to be addressed in the RFP (forwarded to Council members by Ms. Kamainski on February 20, 2014.) A suggestion was made that a list of recommendations developed by the National Council on Disability also be reviewed by Nebraska Medicaid staff (forwarded to Council members by Ms. Hoell on February 19, 2014.) These documents will be reviewed and discussed at the next Council meeting. Ms. Leschinsky commented that Nebraska Medicaid's ability to incorporate all of the suggestions may be limited by the (b) and (c) waiver authorities to which CMS holds the State accountable.

In addition, Council members:

- Recommended the MLTSS Quality Work Group consult trade association materials on performance/quality measures;
- Recommended quality/performance measures be included in the RFP;
- Recommended that providers' performance measurement paperwork be limited;
- Recommended access to care standards be included in the RFP; and
- Requested the opportunity to review the proposed capitation rate cells.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, April 3, 2014.

Public Comment

Members of the public:

- Suggested that the Concept and Design paper be available for review upon revision. (The revised paper will be shared with the Council prior to posting to the website);
- Suggested that authorizations for waiver services continue to be issued as they are currently; and
- Suggested provider reporting requirements be as simple as possible to give providers time to adjust to enrollment and service provision in a managed care environment.