

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: Posting of the Intent to Award for Statewide Expansion of Physical Health Managed Care

**Please share this information with administrative, clinical and billing staff.**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) is planning an expansion of the physical health managed care program statewide effective July 1, 2012. The Intent to Award has been issued and is available at the following website:

<http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/3792.htm>

MLTC will be implementing two (2) health plans to manage physical health services for clients in the 83 counties not currently served by Physical Health Managed Care. MLTC intends to contract with:

**Coventry Healthcare of Nebraska, Inc. (Plan name: Coventry Cares)**  
**AmeriHealth Nebraska, Inc. (Plan name: Arbor Health)**

Providers must enroll as a network provider with one of these two new plans to be able to serve managed care clients.

Physical health managed care is a health care delivery system where Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are contracted to operate a health plan that authorizes, arranges, provides, and pays for the delivery of services in the Basic Benefits package to enrolled clients. The care of clients enrolled in the health plan is managed by the MCO through its network of Primary Care Providers (PCPs), Specialists, Hospitals, and other providers of care who contract directly with the MCO. Managed care offers an opportunity to assure access to a PCP, emphasizes preventive care, and encourages the appropriate utilization of services in the most cost-effective settings.

Dental, pharmacy, hospice, long-term care nursing facility services, mental health/substance abuse services, and HCBS waiver services are not included in the physical health benefits package and are provided through regular or Fee For Service Medicaid.

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