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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: 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. A number of Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) have expressed interest in providing services in the expanded area. Providers may already be hearing from these health plans as they have begun to build their provider networks. A decision as to which health plan(s) MLTC will contract with is expected in early 2012. The procurement process will be through a competitive bid process. The bidder's will be required to submit proposals that demonstrate they are able to maintain a network of providers that will meet the needs of the Medicaid population and proposals will be scored accordingly.

Physical health managed care is a health care delivery system where 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. Managed care offers an opportunity to assure access to primary care services and emphasizes preventive care.

Dental, pharmacy, hospice, long-term care nursing facility services, mental health/substance abuse services, and HCBS waiver services are not included.

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