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Jim Pillen, Governor

03.04.26 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Ashiye Aator, Adam Proctor, Andrea, Andrea Herrera, Becky Crase, Beth/Winnebago, Bethany Stech, Crystal Appleton, Cynthia, Cynthia Gillaspie, Danelle Smith, David Edwards, Emma Joyce, Gidget Wingad, Glorine Lovejoy, Jacob Harlan, Scott Hawley, James Ridgeway, Jeremy Sand, Jonathan Rich, Keri, Jacob Kawamoto, Catherine Kearney, Aaron Kilgore, Leah Belgrade, Echohawk Lefthand, Lisa Kaplan Howe, Luisa, Megan Altwine, Michelle/Ponca, Mona Zuffante, Nancy Mackey, Bethany Nelson, Jackie Orth, Rachel Metry, Aaron Reece, Robyn Salerno, Sarah Rowland, Tashina Provost, Theresa, Tim Easton, Tracy Nelson. Tuesday Kuhlman, Val Holli Merrick, Jeshena Walker, Erik White, Kendra Wiebe, Celia Wightman, Vietta Swalley

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
  - None
- Waiver Authority
  - Nebraska Sustainable Coverage 1115 Demonstration Waiver
    - On February 23, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) released public and Tribal notices announcing that they are seeking approval of a five-year waiver to limit retroactive eligibility for the full Medicaid population. This waiver seeks to limit retroactive eligibility to the first day of the month in which someone applies for Medicaid. Pending approval from CMS, this waiver will be effective on October 1, 2026. More information can be found here.
    - The public and Tribal notice periods end on March 26, 2026.
      - Comments can be sent electronically to DHHS.Demonstrationwaivers@nebraska.gov and mailed to Nebraska Medicaid at 301 Centennial Mall South P.O. Box 95026 Lincoln, NE 68509
    - DHHS will hold public hearings during the public comment period
      - Wednesday, March 11 from 3:00pm-4:30pm – Charles H. Gere Library Branch Lincoln, NE
      - Tuesday, March 17 from 11:00am-12:30pm – Kearney Public Library

Additional Items

- NE Sustainable Coverage Waiver Discussion
  - MLTC is seeking approval for an 1115 waiver that would limit retroactive eligibility to the first day of the month in which someone applies for Medicaid, effective October 1, 2026.
- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
  - DHHS is working to set up monthly meetings to provide updates on the RHTP and to answer any questions the Tribes may have

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- Tribal Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) member
    - The MAC is seeking to fill a vacant position with a Tribal representative. Both Tribal members and Tribal providers are encouraged to apply.
    - If interested, please apply by March 18, 2026.
    - The application can be found here. Please email completed applications to DHHS.MACandBAC@nebraska.gov
- Follow ups from Consultation
- Data Sharing Agreements
    - MLTC is working on updating Data Sharing Agreements for May 2026
- Medicare Crossover Claims – Update
    - MLTC has received and is reviewing the final Crossover Claims from the period of 07.01.17 – 06.30.19 from Omaha
- NEMT
    - At the August 2022 Quarterly Consultation meeting, it was agreed that the MCOs and Tribes would discuss how to improve access to transportation services for Tribal beneficiaries.
        - Jacob spoke with the PSC, brought more information to the November 2023 Tribal Consultation, and sent a follow up email to each of the Tribes. The Tribes should submit an exemption request to the PSC. If granted the exception, the Tribe will then need to enroll with Maximus as a PSC-exempt NEMT provider and can then provide the approval from the PSC to Maximus to complete this enrollment.
            - PSC contact: PSC.motorfilings@nebraska.gov
- Questions/Discussion

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