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Jim Pillen, Governor

06.10.26 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Ashiye Aator, Amber Draper, Amelia Swalley, Andrea Herrera, Brenda, Becky Crase, Chasity Davis, Cynthia Gillaspie, Cynthia Goslin, Glorine Lovejoy, Jacob Harlan, Heather, Jacob Kawamoto, Aaron Kilgore, Leah Belgrade, Luisa, Nancy Mackey, Tracy Nelson, Aaron Reece, Bailey Reigle, Robyn Salerno, Tashina Provost, Theresa, Tuesday Kuhlman, Val Holli Merrick, Jeshena Walker, Kendra Wiebe, Celia Wightman, Michelle/Ponca, Vietta Swalley

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
  - NE 26-0005: Certified Lactation Consultant (CLC) – Prenatal Plus Program
    - Effective July 1, 2026, Certified Lactation Consultants will be able to provide breastfeeding instruction sessions under the Prenatal Plus Program (PPP)
    - This SPA will impact the Tribes because Tribal beneficiaries will be able to receive breastfeeding instruction sessions from a new provider type
  - NE 26-0006: Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Program
    - Effective July 1, 2026, the Nebraska Medicaid EPC program will be discontinued.
    - EPC provider claims incurred through June 30, 2026, will be reimbursed using the EPC fee schedule rate. Effective July 1, 2026, EPC provider services will be reimbursed primarily though the Physician fee schedule.
    - No action is required from participating EPC providers
    - This SPA will not impact Tribal providers since they are reimbursed at the IHS all-inclusive rate.
  - NE 26-0007: Nursing Facility Inflation Factor
    - Effective July 1, 2026, the inflation factor for the nursing facility rate period is -2.07%
    - This SPA will have an impact on nursing facilities participating in Nebraska Medicaid including Tribally owned and operated nursing facilities. Reimbursement for Tribally owned and operated nursing facilities will continue to be reimbursed at 100% of costs
  - NE 26-0008: Intermediate Care Facility Inflation Factor
    - Effective July 1, 2026, the inflation factor for intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-DD) is 24.0%
    - This SPA will not impact the tribes as they do not operate ICF-DD facilities in Nebraska
  - NE 26-0009: Inpatient Hospital Rates
    - Effective July 1, 2026, MLTC will update the Medicaid State Plan to reflect updated effective dates for payment rates for psychiatric residential treatment facilities and transplant diagnosis-related group direct medical education payments
    - This SPA will not affect the tribes because the changes are technical in nature and will neither affect access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries nor affect the healthcare facilities operated by the tribes

- NE 26-0010: Outpatient Hospital and Professional Provider Rates
    - Effective July 1, 2026, MLTC will update the Medicaid State Plan to reflect current payment rate effective dates for state fiscal year 2027
    - This SPA will not affect the Tribes because payment rates will remain steady in State Fiscal Year 2027 and the changes will neither affect access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries nor affect the health care facilities operated by the Tribes
- Waiver Authority
    - No Waiver updates

Additional Items

- Medicaid Work Requirements
    - Nebraska submitted NE 26-0002 (Work Requirements State Plan) to CMS on June 7, 2026.
    - NIHB Analysis: CMS Guidance on Medicaid Changes Under H.R.1
- May Consultation Follow Ups
    - MLTC is working on drafting updates to the Tribal Consultation Process
    - Question: How long does it take a Tribal exemption to be added to the system?
        - Answer: If someone marks that they are Native American on their Medicaid application, the system will automatically add it. If a member calls in and says that they are Native American, the worker can add it immediately to the system. The Tribal exemption may be applied before the processing of the individual's application or renewal is completed for their eligibility determination.
- Data Sharing Agreements
    - MLTC is working on Data Sharing Agreements for 2026. The Data Sharing Agreements from last year will not expire until 2030
    - Also working on a Data Sharing Agreement for White Cloud
- 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
        - To be reimbursed for NEMT services, the Tribes need to submit an exemption request to the PSC, enroll with Maximus as a PSC-exempt NEMT provider, and then work with the MCO transportation subcontractor(s).
- Questions/Discussion
    - Lisa had questions regarding applicants not qualifying for food program for being over-income when they are only being paid for 8 months per year. She also asked about the longer wait times for Medicaid approval.
        - Jacob asked her to send examples of these by secure email so that they can be researched.
    - Vietta gave a reminder that there is an upcoming CMS Great Plains Training in Omaha on June 24-25. Jacob stated that he and Bailey will be there to present on work requirements. Vietta also reminded everyone about the Santee Powwow on June 26-28 and the Health Fair on July 2.

Commented [BR1]: Do we have more to discuss regarding MWR?