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Jim Pillen, Governor

09.02.26 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Ashiye Aator, Amber Draper, Amelia Swalley, Travis Beck, Brenda Worell, Chasity Davis, Crystal Appleton, Glorine Lovejoy, Julie Godbout, Jacob Kawamoto, Catherine Kearney, Keri Bass, Aaron Kilgore, Paula Kies, Aaron Reece, Bailey Reigle, Robyn Salerno, Tashina Provost, Theresa, Tim Easton, Tracy Nelson, Tuesday Kuhlman, Jeshena Walker, Michelle/Ponca, Vietta Swalley

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
    - **NE 26-0003: Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Methodology**
        - Effective January 1, 2027, the payment methodology for personal assistance services will be updated
        - This change **will impact** the Tribes. Since personal assistance services are reimbursed at the fee schedule rate and not reimbursed under the IHS all-inclusive rate, the Tribal impact will be an increase in the reimbursement rate for providers of personal assistance services.
- Waiver Authority
    - No Waiver updates

Additional Items

- 2026 Heritage Health Open Enrollment: October 15- December 7
    - Beneficiaries should expect to receive more information about this in the mail
    - If you are happy with your current health plan, it will stay the same. No action is needed
- Medicaid eligibility staff visiting Tribal facilities
    - If you are interested in having eligibility staff come to your facility to answer Medicaid questions, email the Tribal Liaisons what date you want to do this and if you plan to have eligibility staff work with your members or your staff.
- Tribal RHTP Meeting
    - Based on feedback given at the Tribal Consultation this meeting time has been moved
    - Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21 - 10:00am-11:00am
- 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
    - MLTC will schedule a meeting with Omaha to discuss next steps
- 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).
        - Tribes who have enrolled with Maximus as a PSC-exempt NEMT provider are working with the MCOs and transportation sub-contractors to finalize logistics, systems, and billing.
    - Question: Why can't the Tribes use the portal to submit claims?
        - Answer: Currently, the portal is not set up to approve retroactive claims, the portal is used to schedule future rides. There is a project underway to improve the portal so that rides can be added after they're complete.
    - Question: Who should Tribes contact after they're enrolled in Maximus?
        - Answer: Reach out to the MCO Tribal Liaison once you're in Maximus.
- Questions/Discussion