

## 07.02.25 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Tim Easton (NTC), Qiana Brown (Molina), Angi Tran (Molina), Gelisha Palma (Molina), Bethany Stech (Molina), Janine Fitzpatrick (Molina), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Tracy Nelson (UHC), Mary McHale (UHC), Jonathan Rich, DMD (Centene)

3 callers joined via telephone call-in

### SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
  - NE 25-0001: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)
    - This SPA would create the CCBHC program, and CCBHCs will focus on providing integrated and comprehensive behavioral health services (such as crisis mental health response, mental health and substance use evaluation and treatment, and psychiatric rehabilitation). Tribal beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid will be able to receive services from CCBHCs, but this SPA will not have an impact on covered services or rates for Indian health care providers (IHCPs). However, Tribes in conjunction with the State may elect in the future to operate a CCBHC.
  - NE 25-0020: Applied Behavioral Analysis Services' Rate Adjustment
    - Effective August 1, 2025, Nebraska Medicaid is updating payment rates for ABA services to align more closely with other state Medicaid programs. Nebraska Medicaid is making this adjustment to the rates to ensure these services remain fiscally sustainable in the coming years while ensuring these services remain available and accessible to Nebraska Medicaid beneficiaries who require them. This SPA will not affect reimbursement for ABA services billed by IHCPs, nor would these changes affect how American Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries can receive ABA services.

- SPA Follow-Up
  - o NE 25-0004: School-Based Services
    - **QUESTION:** The Tribal Notice for this SPA noted that, “Indian healthcare providers will be able to provide Medicaid services in the schools as long as they are registered as a Medicaid provider with the school district.’ At the June Monthly Call, one of the Tribes asked what it means that the Tribes need to be registered with the school district to provide services in the schools.
      - **ANSWER:** If the Tribal facility is providing and billing for the service(s) in a school that does not participate in the Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS) program, the service(s) would be reimbursed to the Tribal facility like normal. It is also MLTC’s understanding that none of the Tribal schools currently participate in the MIPS program.

However, for schools that do participate in the MIPS program and that are enrolled with Maximus, the Tribal facility still has to ensure that the specific individual provider providing services has a Maximus number and is grouped under the school in order to provide reimbursable services. The individual provider providing services would also take part in the Random Moment Time Study for the school, which is done through the State’s school-based services vendor, and in this case, reimbursement would be made under the MIPS program to the school.

- Waiver Authority
  - o None

#### Additional Items

- Billing for Services Delivered Outside of the 4 Walls and MCO System Updates
  - o MLTC has finalized and published updates to the [Indian Health Service \(IHS\) and Tribal 638 Provider Bulletin](#) on the DHHS website.
    - MLTC will continue working with the MCOs to ensure that systems are updated to appropriately process claims for services provided outside of the 4 Walls. Payments would then be allowed retroactively back to 1.1.25 (the effective date of the final rule) once the system updates are completed.
    - The link to the provider bulletin will be fixed.
    - The United Healthcare, Nebraska Total Care, and Molina representatives all stated their systems are updated and ready to go.
- Data Sharing Agreements
  - o The reports generated for the Data Sharing Agreements were finalized and sent out to the specified point of contact with each of the Tribes on 06.09.25. MLTC is available for any support and partnership related to these efforts going forward.
- Medicare Crossover Claims – Update
  - o MLTC has received and is reviewing the final Crossover Claims from the period of 07.01.17 – 06.30.19 from Omaha
- NEMT
  - o 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](mailto:PSC.motorfilings@nebraska.gov)
- Tribal/Medicaid Quarterly Consultation – Vietta (Santee)
  - Date: August 14th
    - Location: Santee Health and Wellness Center, 110 Visiting Eagle St., Santee, NE
  - Please RSVP so Santee can plan lunch and the number of hotel rooms in the casino that should be reserved.
    - At 11:00, there will be a tour of the new youth facility.