

08.06.25 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Jacob Kawamoto (MLTC Policy), Kendra Wiebe (MLTC, Policy), Jayda Moss (MLTC Policy), Celia Wightman (MLTC Communications), Cathy Kearney (MLTC Plan Management), Aaron Kilgore (MLTC Plan Management), Travis Beck (MLTC Health Services), Aaron Reece (MLTC Health Services), Jackie Orth (MLTC Eligibility Operations), Jacob Harlan (Tribal Liaison - Div. of Public Health), Echohawk Lefthand (Div. of Public Health)

RickyAnn Fletcher (Ponca), Becky Crase (Ponca), Michelle Runyan (Ponca), Crystal Appleton (Omaha), Rhiannon Pitzl (Ponca), Tashina Provost (Omaha), Val Holli Merrick (Omaha), Christi Merrick (Omaha), Glorine Lovejoy (Omaha), Nancy Mackey (Santee), Beth Wewel (Winnebago)

Adam Proctor (NTC), Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), Robyn Salerno (Molina), Angi Tran (Molina), Gelisha Palma (Molina), Bethany Stech (Molina), Janine Fitzpatrick (Molina), Jesse Clement (Molina), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Tracy Nelson (UHC), Mary McHale (UHC), Jonathan Rich, DMD (Centene)

1 caller 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. 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.
 - Tribes do not have to enroll. The CCBHCs in Nebraska have been identified, but Tribes can explore this to add to their services in the future if they are interested.
 - 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.

- This rate would only affect fee-for-service billing.
- Waiver Authority
 - 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver Amendment
 - This demonstration waiver amendment would allow Nebraska Medicaid to cover the following:
 - Short-term medically necessary residential and inpatient stays primarily for mental health treatment within settings that meet the regulatory classification of an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) for people with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/ Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) who are otherwise eligible individuals, and
 - Medical respite care services provided to adults age 19 and older, who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and are recovering from acute or acute-on-chronic physical health conditions post-discharge from an eligible setting.
 - Jacob stated that he thinks this could be a partnership opportunity for collaboration with the Tribes.

Additional Items

- August Quarterly Consultation – Location Update
 - Same date – August 14th, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
 - Location TBD by the end of the week. Ponca will look into hosting at their Lincoln office.
- New Nebraska Medicaid Provider Directory
 - <https://mltcfindprovider-dhhs.nebraska.gov/>
- Recent Federal Legislation OBBBA
 - Nebraska Medicaid plans to discuss recent federal legislation and impacts on Nebraska at the August 14th Quarterly Consultation Meeting
 - Rural Health Transformation Program – NE Medicaid is open to ideas from the Tribes regarding this provision and plans to discuss this more in depth at the August 14 Quarterly Consultation Meeting
- Data Sharing Agreements
 - 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.
 - The reports will be sent annually in June for the upcoming 12 months.
- 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.
 - MLTC 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

- Dual Enrollment in Marketplace and Medicaid
 - Santee brought up concerns regarding long wait times and requested instructions/assistance on disenrolling online.
 - Michelle (Ponca) noted that she has experience with this and offered to assist if there are questions from other Tribes.
 - MLTC will look into having certified Marketplace Navigators to present information at a Quarterly Consultation Meeting.
- Dental Billing Codes
 - **QUESTION:** Ponca asked about a new code (9310) that came out for treatment and referral to a specialist. Is this something that Medicaid is covering?
 - **ANSWER (Centene):** Yes. Dr. Rich explained that codes that were not being utilized or referenced in regulations have been removed and Code 9310 was added as an exam code for patients who need to be sent to a specialist. This is an effort to make the dental fee schedule more user friendly.