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Jim Pillen, Governor

09.03.25 - 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), Jeshena Walker (MLTC Plan Management), Travis Beck (MLTC Health Services), Aaron Reece (MLTC Health Services), Bethany Nelson (MLTC Health Services), Jackie Orth (MLTC Eligibility Operations)

RickyAnn Fletcher (Ponca), Sylvia Allen-Lopez (Ponca), Crystal Appleton (Omaha), Tashina Provost (Omaha), Brenda Worrell (Omaha), Glorine Lovejoy (Omaha), Vietta Swalley (Santee), Nancy Mackey (Santee), Keri Bass (Winnebago), Kendra Dragon (Winnebago), Andrea Herrera (NUIHC), Megan Raabe (NUIHC)

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

2 callers joined via telephone call-in

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - o NE 25-0007: Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 - Technical update to remove the end date for MAT coverage (as mandated by the CMS). This SPA will not impact the Tribes, as these services have been covered since October 2020 and will continue to be covered.
 - o NE 25-0021: Targeted Case Management for Postpartum Home Program (PHP)
 - This SPA provides targeted case management (TCM) services for Medicaid enrolled postpartum women and Medicaid enrolled children up to 12 months old. TCM services will be conducted in the home by a nurse. These changes are in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 68-911 and are effective July 1, 2026. These changes will impact the Tribes by allowing individuals who meet the above criteria to receive the new services.
 - o NE 25-0022: Extended Services for Pregnant Women
 - Effective October 1, 2025, this SPA extends pregnancy-related and postpartum services from 60 days to 12 months after a pregnancy ends for Medicaid enrolled beneficiaries. These changes will impact Tribal beneficiaries by extending the length of pregnancy-related and postpartum services available to pregnant women.
- Waiver Authority
 - o None

Additional Items

- 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.
 - 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
- Patients who have Medicare Advantage and Medicaid under different MCOs
 - o **QUESTION (Ponca):** Do crossover claims for medical visits crossover?
 - **ANSWER:** Crossover claims for traditional Medicare will cross over to Medicaid and/or the MCOs. For Medicare Advantage, claims must be billed secondary to the MCO if the plans are not aligned; they are not sent automatically. (Submit Medicare Advantage EOB with Medicaid secondary claim).
 - If Medicare Advantage and Medicaid plans are aligned the claims will cross over.
 - For the Ponca Tribe most Medicare patients are Medicare complete dual.
- Marketplace Dual Enrollment Updates
 - o **QUESTION:** Have there been any updates from CMS on individuals dually enrolled in Marketplace and Medicaid? Santee has been seeing more individuals dually enrolled this way (around 4-5 per month).
 - **ANSWER:** No, MLTC has not received any further guidance or updates from CMS regarding their Press Release on this topic.
 - o **QUESTION (Santee):** Should the Tribe contact CMS about Marketplace payment and claims issues?
 - **ANSWER:** Yes – Stacey Steiner (Stacey.Steiner@cms.hhs.gov) can help route these cases and issues to the right people within CMS.
 - o Santee – these Marketplace issues are also being complicated by employer insurance overseen by the same company that offers Marketplace plans.