



02.05.25 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Jacob Kawamoto (MLTC, Policy), Kendra Wiebe (MLTC, Policy), Celia Wightman (MLTC Communications), Jeshena Walker (MLTC, Plan Management), Travis Beck (MLTC Health Services), Bethany Nelson (MLTC Health Services), Jackie Orth (MLTC Eligibility Operations), Rachel Metry (Div. of Developmental Disabilities)

RickyAnn Fletcher (Ponca), Michelle Runyan (Ponca), Becky Crase (Ponca), Sylvia Allen-Lopez (Ponca), Tashina Provost (Omaha), Nancy Mackey (Santee), Megan Raabe (NUIHC)

Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), Tim Easton (NTC), Kiernan Scott (Molina), Angi Tran (Molina), Gelisha Palma (Molina), Bethany Stech (Molina), Janine Fitzpatrick (Molina), Jesse Clement (Molina), Morgan Horst, DDS (Molina), Theresa Ellenwood (Molina), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Tracy Nelson (UHC), Kara Urkoski (UHC), Mary McHale (UHC), Jonathan Rich, DMD (Centene)

2 callers joined via telephone call-in

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - o None
- Waiver Authority
 - o 1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers
 - The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) plans to submit a request for amendments to the 1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Waiver (NE.4154), Developmental Disabilities Day Services Waiver for Adults (NE.0394), Family Support Waiver (NE.2366), and HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adult and Children with Disabilities (NE.0187). These amendments will have an impact on the tribes for individuals who participate or are seeking participation in the programs.

Additional Items

- 2025 Encounter Rates – MCO System Updates
 - o Molina state that the new rates have been loaded, but Kiernan noted she still needs to confirm that the vision rates have been updated.
 - o NTC and UHC confirmed that the new rates have been loaded in their systems.
- MIWD and TMA Premiums

- Premiums for the Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities (MIWD) and Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) have both recently resumed after being suspended during the COVID-19 public health emergency. However, American Indians and Alaska Natives don't pay premiums, copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles under Medicaid.
 - MLTC may waive premiums under these programs if documentation indicating the beneficiary's affiliation with a federally recognized Tribe is received. For any questions regarding cases where premiums are being applied, but should be waived, reach out to Jacob (jacob.kawamoto@nebraska.gov)
 - **UPDATE:** A notice from an IHS/Tribal provider stating that the beneficiary receives services at their facility is sufficient documentation to verify Tribal affiliation for the purposes of waiving premiums under the TMA and MIWD programs. However, this is not sufficient documentation to verify Tribal affiliation for the purposes of verifying citizenship requirements for the Medicaid program.
- Billing for Services Delivered Outside of the 4 Walls and MCO System Updates
 - MLTC is also working to update guidance related to provider enrollment and billing expectations for services provided outside of the 4 walls.
 - The MCOs need time to configure system updates, and so it will likely be late January or into February before systems will be ready. But MLTC Plan Management is 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.
- 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.
- Data Sharing Agreements
 - **UPDATE:** The Data Sharing Agreements were approved by DHHS and sent out to the Tribes on 01.30.25 for review and approval. MLTC is working on developing the next steps and processes for sharing the data with the Tribes that have signed the agreement.
- 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.
 - 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

Questions:

- **QUESTION (Ponca):** Ponca has been unable to load some locum tenens providers into their system to bill for claims because they don't have a DEA Certificate for Nebraska. Do these providers need a DEA Certification for Nebraska, or if they are certified in another state does that meet to requirement (similar to licensure requirements)?

- **ANSWER:** Kiernan will send the 471 NAC 11 regulation language to their team. However, this kind of certification may be separate from licensure provisions outlined in state regulations. This certificate is from the DEA and is needed to prescribe controlled substances.