



03.05.25 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Jacob Kawamoto (MLTC, Policy), Kendra Wiebe (MLTC, Policy), Celia Wightman (MLTC Communications), Cathy Kearney (MLTC, Plan Management), Bethany Nelson (MLTC Health Services), Jackie Orth (MLTC Eligibility Operations), Echohawk Lefthand (Public Health),

RickyAnn Fletcher (Ponca), Becky Crase (Ponca), Sylvia Allen-Lopez (Ponca), Tashina Provost (Omaha), Sky Black Elk-Volkman

Adam Proctor (NTC), Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), Tim Easton (NTC), Kiernan Scott (Molina), Gelisha Palma (Molina), Bethany Stech (Molina), Janine Fitzpatrick (Molina), Jesse Clement (Molina), Jessica Daake (Molina), Morgan Horst, DDS (Molina), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Tracy Nelson (UHC), Jenn Nelson (UHC), Mary McHale (UHC), Jonathan Rich, DMD (Centene)

One caller joined via telephone call-in

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - o NE 25-0002: Therapeutic Family Care (TFC) Program
 - This would allow for probation involved, Medicaid eligible children, and youth up to age 19 to enroll in the TFC program (if all other program requirements are met). TFC program is not a separate Medicaid eligibility category. Program services include crisis service maintenance/response and mobile crisis services. This change will impact the Tribes as children who are enrolled in Medicaid and meet TFC eligibility will have access to these services.
 - o NE 25-0008: Justice Involved Youth
 - This would allow for coverage of screenings, diagnostic services, and targeted case management for post-adjudicated justice-involved youth in the 30-day period leading up to their release from incarceration. The coverage also includes continued targeted case management for at least 30 days post-release. This SPA will impact the Tribes, as any justice-involved American Indian or Alaska Native Medicaid beneficiaries who are under age 21 or up to age 26 who were formerly in the former foster care group will be eligible for these new services.
- Waiver Authority
 - o 1915(c) Waiver Amendments (Updated)
 - Proposed amendments to the 1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver, Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver, and Family Support Waiver (FSW). The proposed changes are in addition to the original revisions outlined in the Tribal Notice

sent on January 13, 2025. The proposed waiver amendments will have an impact on Indians and/or Indian health programs.

Additional Items

- Billing for Services Delivered Outside of the 4 Walls and MCO System Updates
 - o MLTC is working to finalize the draft updates to the guidance document that were shared at the February Quarterly Tribal Consultation Meeting.
 - 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.
- Heritage Health – Open Enrollment Changes
 - o Send any cases where beneficiary change requests did not process correctly to Jacob Kawamoto (jacob.kawamoto@nebraska.gov) so he can coordinate with the MLTC Plan Management team.
- 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
- Data Sharing Agreements
 - o The Data Sharing Agreements were approved by DHHS and sent out to the Tribes on 01.30.25 for review and approval. The MLTC Data Team has run a preliminary report and is cross referencing the data to ensure that the projected renewal dates for members are correct. Once this is completed, MLTC will send the relevant information as an excel file to the designated point of contact for each Tribe via secure email.
- 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