


Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Health Plan Advisory

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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans
FROM: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
BY: Lacie Ward, Plan Management Administrator
RE: MLTC Waiver of Value Add Requirement amid COVID-19 Emergency

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans and Dental Benefits Manager of DHHS' intent to temporarily waive contract provisions *Section IV.E.6.d* of the Managed Care Organization contracts and *Section IV.E.8.d* within the Dental Benefits Manager contract.

In order to ensure Heritage Health managed care plans and the Dental Benefits Manager have the flexibility to assist members impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, DHHS is providing the following guidance to Heritage Health plans and the Dental Benefits Manager related to value add services.

For the duration of the federal public health emergency resulting from COVID-19, DHHS will waive the following contractual provisions:

1) The following provisions within IV.E.6: Value Added Services

- a. IV.E.6.d:** *The MCO must provide to MLTC a description of the expanded services or benefits to be offered by the MCO for approval 45 calendar days prior to implementation. Additions, deletions, or modifications to value-added services made during the contract period must be submitted to MLTC for approval a minimum of 45 calendar days prior to their implementation.*

2) The following provision within Section IV.E.8: Value Added Services

- a. IV.E.8.d:** *The DBPM must provide to MLTC a description of the expanded services or benefits to be offered by the DBPM for approval forty-five (45) calendar days prior to implementation. Additions, deletions, or modifications to value-added services made during the contract period must be submitted to MLTC for approval a minimum of forty-five (45) calendar days prior to their implementation.*

Heritage Health plans and the Dental Benefits Manager are expected to report any additional value-added services they are offering to MLTC Plan Management each Friday for the duration of the federal public health emergency.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Lacie Ward at (402) 471-9283, or via email at: Lacie.Ward@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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