

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: Nebraska

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT

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The Division of Medicaid & Long-term Care within the Department of Health and Human Services is composed of two sections - the Acute Care Programs Section and the Long-Term Care Programs Section. The Director of the Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care has administrative authority over the operations and functions of the Medicaid program including the issuance of policies.

The Acute Care Programs Section is managed by an Administrator. The Section is organized into four units: Behavioral Health and Managed Care Unit, Medicaid Claims Payment Unit, Operations Unit, and Physical Health Services Unit.

The Behavioral Health, Pharmacy, and Ancillary Services Unit is responsible for the pharmacy program; the behavioral health program; and ancillary services such as transportation and durable medical equipment and supplies.

The Medicaid Claims Unit is responsible for provider enrollment; claims payment; coordination of benefits; data entry; screening; and electronic data interchange (EDI).

The Operations Unit is responsible for the Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program; the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); estate recovery and third party liability (TPL); the program integrity office; school-based contracts, and project management.

The Physical Health Services Unit is responsible for practitioner services such as dental, physician, visual, therapies, etc.; hospital policy and reimbursement development; disability determinations; and administration of the Nebraska Health Connection, Nebraska's Medicaid Managed Care program under approved 1915(b) waivers. Payment methodology is developed, maintained, and monitored by unit staff. This unit is responsible for formulating the request for proposal (RFP) for the program and well as negotiating contracts with the final selected contractors. The unit is also responsible for submittal of appropriate waivers. Quality assurance functions and contract monitoring are ongoing functions of this unit.

The Long-Term Care Section is managed by an Administrator. The Section is organized into four units: Long-Term Care State Plan Services; Home & Community Based Waiver Services; Safety & Independence Supports Unit; and the State Unit on Aging.

The Long-Term Care State Plan Services unit is responsible for hospice/home health/private duty nursing services; nursing facilities; ICF/MR facilities; personal assistance services; and the Money Follows the Person Grant.

The Home & Community Based Waiver Services unit is responsible for waiver policy; quality assurance; and clinical review.

The Safety & Independence Supports Unit is responsible for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) & Federal Grants; Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS), Medically Handicapped Children's Program (MHCP) and the Disabled Children's Program (DCP); Adult Protective Services; Early Development Network; and Respite Network/Subsidy.

The State Unit on Aging is responsible for aging services and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

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