



DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

01.04.23 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Jacob Kawamoto, Chris Morton, Aaron Reece, Jessie Edwards, Jeshena Gold, Travis Beck, Wendy Walgrave, Beau Boryca (OUIHC), Sylvia Allen-Lopez (Ponca), Michelle Runyan (Ponca), Becky Crase (Ponca), Rhonda Akers (Pine Ridge), Catalina Hernandez (Pine Ridge), Jennifer Newcombe (NTC), Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), LeAnn Ortmeier (UHC), Jenn Nelson (UHC), RickyAnn Fletcher (MCNA), Tracy Nelson (MCNA), Gelisha Jeffers (HBN), Tamara Mostek (HBN), Jodi Payne (HBN), Stacey Steiner (CMS)

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - NE 23-0003: Personal Assistant Services
 - Update to implement a provider rate increase.
- Waiver Authority
 - None at this time

Managed Care

In keeping with recent guidance from CMS and initiatives coming from the National Indian Health Board and Federal Government, a recurring agenda item to discuss managed care delivery to Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries in Nebraska is being added to this meeting series. The goal of adding this item is to ensure the Tribes have a dedicated time to discuss any managed care questions or concerns.

Additional Items

- PHE Unwind Update
 - Under the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, the "continuous coverage" requirement will be ending on April 1, 2023. MLTC will begin to conduct eligibility redeterminations, meaning that members who are no longer eligible may lose coverage. States are still awaiting further federal guidance to clarify many of the more granular relevant details.
 - MLTC will be reaching out before the next monthly meeting to share a presentation and additional information about this upcoming change.

- NOTE: MLTC will begin to conduct eligibility redeterminations following recently established federal timeframes. However, this does not mean that everyone will begin to lose coverage once the unwind begins.
- Medicare Crossover Claims Update
 - MLTC discussed the crossover claims reports were sent out in late October at the November Consultation Meeting.
 - MLTC Policy is working with the Finance and Claims teams to identify the issues and needed next steps to resolve existing discrepancies.
 - Was CMS able to assist Omaha with retrieving old EOBs for past crossover claims that were lost to flood damage?
- November 9, 2022 In-Person Consultation Meeting Follow Ups
 - MLTC is working on meeting minutes from the last in-person consultation, as well as action items and follow ups to issues and discussions raised at the meeting, such as preparations for the PHE Unwind and clarification around Authorized Representatives
 - UPDATE: These minutes were sent out to the group and posted on the Tribal Health webpage https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Tribal-Relations.aspx
 - Next In-Person Consultation Meeting scheduled for Feb. 16th. Location TBD
- NEMT
 - At the August Quarterly Consultation meeting, it was agreed that the MCOs and Tribes would discuss how to improve access to transportation services for Tribal beneficiaries.
 - Is there any support that MLTC can offer the Tribes or MCOs?

MCNA is working with the Omaha Tribe on a dental provider enrollment that has been taking a long time to get approval

- UPDATE: MLTC/Maximus has finished this provider's enrollment process. Please reach out to MLTC for any assistance with backdating/reimbursement for past claims.