

1.6.21 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

Present: Jacob Kawamoto, Catherine Gekas Steeby, Christy Wheeler, Danielle Trejo, Sam Herwig, LeAnn Ortmeier UHC, Tracy Nelson MCNA, Ricky Fletcher MCNA, Kami Hudson HB, Jennifer Newcombe NTC, Stacey Shuman CMS, Tyson Christensen CMS, Stacy Schenk, Nancy Mackey (Santee), Vietta Swalley (Santee), Helen Ramirez (Ponca), Renee (Omaha)

All-Inclusive Rates

The new Tribal All-Inclusive Rates (AIR) were posted in the Federal Register on 12/31/2020: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/31/2020-28950/reimbursement-rates-for-calendar-year-2021>

Have MCOs been able to start planning and updating systems accordingly?

- NTC: found the new AIR document from the federal register and submitted it to update systems for the new encounter rate. This may take up to 30 days for the entire process to complete
- UHC: in receipt of the new rates and will process these
- Jacob to send the AIR to Healthy Blue and MCNA

HHA Demonstration Prime and Basic Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs)

Vietta asked for clarification on the SPAs submitted on 12/15/20

- These SPAs reflect recent approvals from CMS regarding Nebraska's ABPs
- EPSDT services up to age 21 are mandatory services
- Targeted individuals go into Prime automatically, and so 19 and 20 year olds are included as targeted populations and therefore receive EPSDT services
- Nebraska's 1115 waiver allows for individuals in the Basic tier to earn Prime benefits
- These SPAs submitted on 12/15/20 adjust the Basic and Prime ABPs to reflect this 1115 approval
- Participants need to complete wellness and personal responsibility requirements to receive Prime benefits
 - o Q: If someone is in the Basic benefit tier, if they chose not to participate in the wellness requirements, they still won't lose Medicaid coverage, unless it is due to something like income changes that would disqualify them, correct?
 - A: Yes, that is correct.
 - o Q: (from CMS) has this been submitted to CMS?
 - A: It has not yet, as the 30 days for Tribal consultation and notice are not up yet.

Other Items

Jacob to send Vietta notes from November and December monthly calls

Ricky from MCNA

- Dental is now doing PPE payment from 1/1/21 – 4/20/21
- D1999 for \$10 and it needs to be billed with a procedure code
- If anything else changes, the tribes will be notified

Nancy asked Healthy Blue about lab visit and nurse visit claims/tribal reimbursement

- HB: If the tribes bill with the T-code, HB will reimburse for the AIR
- What about claims paid prior to that?
- HB: If the tribes bill at the encounter rate, HB will reimburse at that rate. But if the tribes bill at the FFS rate, HB will reimburse at that rate. Tribes can rebill with timely rebill submissions. Tribes are able to submit corrected claims to the EDI, or via paper. T-code has to be billed in order for HB to reimburse at the AIR, otherwise they have no way to distinguish between the AIR and FFS encounters.

Also asked when the MCO contracts expire

- Jacob to look into this and follow up with Nancy and anyone else who is interested.