

3.3.21 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

Present: Jacob Kawamoto, Catherine Gekas Steeby, Danielle Trejo, Amber Root-Johnson, LeAnn Ortmeier UHC, Jenn Nelson UHC, Tracy Nelson MCNA, Ricky Fletcher MCNA, Kami Hudson HB, Jennifer Newcombe NTC, Mariana Johnson NTC, Stacey Shuman CMS, Stacy Schenk, Nancy Mackey (Santee), Vietta Swalley (Santee), Crystal Appleton (Omaha), Tracy Bates (Winnebago), Becky Crase (Ponca), Donna Polk-Prim (Omaha), Jena Free (Omaha), Cathy Kearney

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - Demonstration Prime and Basic ABPs on Hold
 - SUPPORT Act MAT – Tribal Notice sent
 - MAT Prime and Basic ABPs
 - 2021 HCPCS File
 - CMS may not require a SPA for these rates
 - No impact to the Tribes because we pay up to the AIR
 - Awaiting to hear from CMS if a SPA is needed as there are no new services types, just new codes
 - DHHS will issue a correction to the tribal notice previously sent
 - An updated Tribal Notice was sent on 3/4/21, updated the notice sent previously on 3/1/21
- Waiver Authority
 - HHA Expansion Update
 - <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Awaiting-Federal-Confirmation-to-Begin-Enhanced-Benefits-for-Heritage-Health-Adult.aspx>
 - CMS has not yet provided a decision yet on the implementation plan, exceptions remain
 - HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities (AD)
 - Amendment submitted, effective date 3.22.21
 - Division of Developmental Disabilities, operationalize the waivers and we are moving admin of waivers to them, is working on updates to this and another TN will be sent this week
 - Developmental Disabilities Day Services Waiver for Adults (DDAD)
 - Tribal Notice sent 3.3.21
 - Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Services Waiver (CDD)
 - Tribal Notice sent 3.3.21

Additional Items

- Case Care and Benefits Coordinator Meetings to begin soon
 - Email Jacob at jacob.kawamoto@nebraska.gov with any additional contacts that would be good for these meetings

Discussion

Nancy Mackey would still like to know if there is a “cheat sheet” for the eligibility NMES codes. What Jacob sent from last month’s meeting was not quite what she was asking for.

- Jacob to follow up internally again to see if something like this exists, or if at the very least there is a contact that Nancy can reach out to get more understanding regarding the codes used (ie. subscriber cannot be found, duplicate subscriber, etc.)
- DHHS Public Website -> DHHS Divisions -> MLTC -> Information for Providers -> Claims -> Internet Access for Providers (found on the right hand side of the page) -> User Guides: Medicaid Eligibility Verification Guide for Internet Access
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/Medicaid%20Eligibility%20Verification%20Guide%20for%20Internet%20access.pdf>
 - o Error Messages found on Pages 10-11

Donna with Carl T. Curtis, brought up an issue they have been experiencing with MCNA regarding RAs not being paid correctly.

- Ricky with MCNA assured that they are working to get this corrected and it has been take to upper management for resolution.

Nancy discussed FFS claims from 11/2019 that were reversed and paid at the AIR in 8/2020.

Becky Crase asked if the tribes are unable to bill a T-code for a 99211 since their nurses aren’t credentialed, but only their providers are.

- Crystal – can bill T-code with a nursing visit
- Santee has done this and has gotten paid at the AIR. As long as the nurses are enrolled through Maximus and billed under a provider.
- Jacob and Catherine will double check the state plan and follow up with Health Services regarding this.
- Jena – also bill the T-code for lab services as well (with an ordering physician)
- Private companies are paying up to the AIR for testing
- Current thought is that nurse practitioners can sign off on this like PT when tribes put order and referring in diagnostic/lab services to add the T-code

MLTC has been looking into this and will discuss on the 4.7.21 Tribal/Medicaid Call

- Link to the NE State Plan on Tribal Encounters:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Medicaid%20State%20Plan/Attachment%204.19b%20Item%20d%20-%20Indian%20Health%20Service%20and%20Tribal%20health%20facilities;%20telehealth.pdf>