

4.6.22 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Present: Jacob Kawamoto, Danielle Trejo, Chris Morton, Aaron Reece, Jessie Edwards, Stacy Schenk, Jeshena Gold, Jena Free (Omaha), Crystal Appleton (Omaha), Audrey Parker (Omaha), Nancy Mackey (Santee), Vietta Swalley (Santee), Becky Crase (Ponca), Beau Boryca (UIO), RickyAnn Fletcher (MCNA), Tracy Nelson (MCNA) LeAnn Ortmeier (UHC), Jennifer Newcombe (NTC) Stacey Steiner (CMS)

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - o NE 22-0006: COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Administration
 - **Question:** Does this coverage include the fourth shot (aka the second boosters)?
 - **Answer:** Jacob is looking into this and will follow up with the Tribes.
- Waiver Authority
 - o Nebraska Statewide Transition Plan (STP)
 - Tribal Summary of proposed changes to Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers

Additional Items

- **UPDATE:** IHS Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2022 have been published to the Federal Register.
 - o <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/08/2022-07468/reimbursement-rates-for-calendar-year-2022>
- Medicare Crossover Claims – Update
 - o Jacob is working on finalizing the briefing with this information and plans to get it sent out to the Tribes as soon as possible. It is currently undergoing final review and revisions from internal policy staff.
 - o Additionally, Chris, Dani, and Jacob have been working on a Medicaid Overview PowerPoint with Tribal-specific provisions. This can be used by the Tribes to help assist staff and case workers with processing Medicaid applications and understanding Medicaid concepts. Dual eligibility is one topic that has been added to this presentation.
 - **Question:** MLTC is writing this to determine which dual eligible beneficiaries can be reimbursed at the all-inclusive rate. Does this mean that past claims are null?
 - **Answer:** No, past FFS claims will still be reimbursed, and MLTC is still working to see what needs to be done in their systems to identify and pay those claims. But only dually eligible beneficiaries who are (or were) fully eligible for a Medicaid category that offers medical coverage (for example, the HHA expansion group or parent caretakers), are eligible to

be reimbursed up to the all-inclusive rate, and this would be true for past claims as well. Some individuals are only dually eligible in Medicare Savings Programs where Medicaid just pays for Medicare costs (such as copays and deductibles). Those individuals wouldn't be reimbursed up to the all-inclusive rate since they're not fully Medicaid eligible. The briefing MLTC is working on will clarify this distinction

- **Question:** Where is this policy coming from? CMS or the state? The Tribes were never told about these different distinctions in the past.
 - **Answer:** The briefing MLTC is working on will contain references to point the Tribes to where this policy comes from. It breaks down CMS's past guidance to NE, and shows where these requirements are found in federal regulation and guidance, as well as what relevant provisions are in the Nebraska Medicaid state plan. For beneficiaries covered under managed care (which is most dually eligible beneficiaries), the MCOs have reimbursed past claims and have been paying these claims correctly for some time now. All of their beneficiaries are enrolled in a Medicaid category that provides medical benefits, and therefore those beneficiaries would also qualify to be reimbursed at the all-inclusive rate when appropriate. But for FFS claims, not all of the beneficiaries are eligible for a Medicaid category that provides medical benefits (as noted above), and that is where this policy outlined in the briefing comes into play.
 - MLTC will set up a training for Tribal clinic billing staff and case care coordinators to attend and learn more once the briefing and PowerPoint materials have been finalized.
 - **Question:** For those who were dually eligible back in 2017-2019, can the system tell what their eligibility was at that time?
 - **Answer:** The MLTC finance team is working to pull past claims and even claims denials (if they're able to do so), and Jacob will meet with them to help determine the answer to this question. It is possible that this information could even be determined by the claims type, or that these individuals still have information in MLTC's eligibility systems.
 - **Question:** What does MLTC need from the Tribes? Is MLTC able to pull the EOBs or do they need the Tribes to send those? Santee has a spreadsheet of what they billed and what they were paid.
 - **Answer:** Jacob will meet with the MLTC finance team and have a better idea of the answer to this question.
- Resuming In-person Tribal Consultation – May
- What are the Tribes comfort levels with gathering back in-person?
 - Tentative plan for meeting time: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 1pm-3pm @ the Ponca Tribe' Lincoln Health & Wellness Center
 - MLTC will confirm this date and time and send out an official meeting invite

- Any considerations for resuming quarterly in-person consultation meetings that the state should be aware of?
 - Tribes are in favor of the in-person meetings. Would like to get all of the MCOs and clinic staff in the same room to be able to discuss different matters.
- **Question:** Have the outpatient reimbursement rates (Encounter rates) for 2022 been posted by CMS? MCOs need to enter them if so.
 - **Answer:** Those have not been posted yet. Jacob will let the MCOs know if he sees them.
- **Question:** Did the Request for Proposals (RFP) go out 4.1.22?
 - **Answer:** This has not gone out yet, but should be released in April still. There has been an administrative hold placed on it, but MLTC will let the Tribes know when the RFP is made public.
 - Chris will send out press release once it goes out and Jacob will send this to the group
 - **Question:** Is Nebraska still planning to award those in July?
 - **Answer:** Yes, that is still the plan.
 - **Question:** Is the town hall feedback going to be addressed in the RFP?
 - **Answer:** Yes, the MLTC communications team has a fact sheet which goes over stakeholder feedback from MLTC's listening tour and what was changed in the RFP to address that feedback. Chris and Jacob will share those documents with the group once they are available as well.