



## 10.02.24 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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\*Three additional attendees were present via phone

### SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
  - NE 24-0011: Medical Education Payments
    - Technical updates to medical education payments. No Tribal impact.
  - NE 24-0013: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
    - Clarifies FQHC provider requirements, payment methodologies, rates, and reimbursement. This SPA will not have an impact on Indians and/or Indian healthcare providers. The updates only apply to the FQHC provider-type. Tribal providers enrolled as FQHCs (such as Urban Indian Organizations) will not be impacted as this SPA is technical in nature and does not introduce a change in requirements, provisions, or payments for FQHCs.
  - NE 24-0014: Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
    - Clarifies RHC provider requirements, payment methodologies, rates, and reimbursement. This SPA will not have an impact on Indians and/or Indian healthcare providers.
  - NE 24-0024: Prenatal Plus Program
    - This program will be provided to pregnant mothers who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and are determined by a health care provider to be at risk of having negative maternal or infant health outcomes. Program services include targeted case management, nutrition counseling, psychosocial counseling and support, breastfeeding support, and general health education and promotion. This SPA will impact the Tribes. If Tribal members meet the program requirements, they may be eligible for the program.

- NE 24-0029: Inpatient Hospital Care
  - Technical update to amend language regarding the methods and standards for establishing rates for inpatient hospital care. This SPA will not impact the Tribes.
- NE 24-0030: Therapeutic Family Care Program
  - This amendment will allow probation involved, Medicaid eligible children and youth up to age 19 to enroll in the program if all other program requirements are met. The amendment will take effect on January 1, 2025. This change will impact the Tribes as Medicaid eligible children who meet TFC eligibility will have access to these services.
- Waiver Authority
  - 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Amendments
    - Comprehensive Development Disabilities Services (CDD) Waiver
      - Updates rate determination methods and utilizes unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide for a one-time agency provider supplemental payment
    - Developmental Disabilities Day Services Waiver for Adults (DDAD)
      - Updates rate determination methods and utilizes unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide for a one-time agency provider supplemental payment. Updates the waiver to increase the maximum number of participants that the waiver can serve per waiver year

## Additional Items

- General Updates:
  - Information on upcoming Open Enrollment period was sent out
- Medicare Crossover Claims – Update
- Data Sharing Agreements
  - UPDATE: The Data Sharing Agreement has been drafted and is nearing final internal approval. It was drafted as one agreement, to be used for each of the Tribes. Jacob will now need to connect with the designated contact for each of the Tribes to coordinate with them about the next steps needed.
    - Jacob to reach out to each of the Tribes to confirm each contact for the Data Sharing Agreement.
- NEMT
  - At the August 2022 Quarterly Consultation meeting, it was agreed that the MCOs and Tribes would discuss how to improve access to transportation services for Tribal beneficiaries.
    - Jacob spoke with the PSC, brought more information to the November 2023 Tribal Consultation, and sent a follow up email to each of the Tribes. The Tribes should submit an exemption request to the PSC. If granted the exception, the Tribe will then need to enroll with Maximus as a PSC-exempt NEMT provider and can then provide the approval from the PSC to Maximus to complete this enrollment.
      - PSC contact: [PSC.motorfilings@nebraska.gov](mailto:PSC.motorfilings@nebraska.gov)
  - UPDATE: Omaha and Winnebago Tribes have submitted exemption requests and received approval from the PSC.