

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CT
Dakota Magic Casino
16849 102nd St SE
Hankinson, ND 58041**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Aker, Deputy Director, Division of Medical Services, welcomed those in attendance. Participants introduced themselves.

II. Prayer

III. IHS Telehealth Update

Jeffrey Johnston and Dr. Robert Carr gave an update on telehealth implementation in IHS. eEmergency will be implemented first in hospitals; implementation of specialty services will follow. Scheduling a specialty service will follow the same process as scheduling an appointment at the service unit. Eddie Johnson Jr. asked how much money could be saved if they had an emergency department instead of only urgent care. Dr. Carr answered that Avera will be reporting quality measures to IHS that will be shared. Donna Keeler asked when specialty behavioral health services would be available. Dr. Carr responded that they hope to have eEmergency up by June and will hopefully add behavioral health services in July and August. Donna Keeler asked if Urban Clinics would be able to access telehealth. No, the current contract scope only includes sites operated by IHS. Donna noted they hold a Title V contract. Jeffrey Johnston said they would take those questions back to IHS leadership. Jeffrey asked about the best way to reach the tribal community to provide education and awareness of telehealth. Tribes have CHR programs that are part of the community. Eddie Johnson Jr. asked if the telehealth services would be compatible with CHRs in the home. IHS responded that direct to consumer care is not yet available, but is something they are willing to explore.

IV. Review Minutes and Updates from January 7, 2017 Meeting

Minutes from the **January 7, 2017** meeting were distributed to the Tribal Consultation group. The minutes and related handouts are also posted on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx>.

The Department provided an update about the Medicaid Online Portal. More information about the Medicaid Online Portal is available online: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/portal.aspx>

V. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

The Quarterly Report was posted on the Department's website at http://dss.sd.gov/docs/tribal/quarterly_tribal_report_2ndquarter.pdf. It was also distributed via email.

VI. State Plan Amendment Report

Sarah Aker provided an update regarding state plan amendments (SPAs). SPA information is also available on the DSS website <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/medicaidstateplan.aspx>

Donna Keeler asked for more description in announcements of future SPAs that contains simpler language about the effect of the SPA on tribes. Kathy Bad Moccasin noted that an impact to private sector hospitals or clinics may have an indirect impact on purchased and referred care from IHS. Sarah said that the department would include more information about the intended impact to tribes in State Plan Amendment announcements.

VII. Behavioral Health

Tiffany Wolfgang, Division Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, and Melanie Boetel, Assistant Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, reviewed DSS's Meth Changes Everything campaign. The group watched a video from the campaign. Donna Keeler suggested that the video would be a good addition to the programming for Good Health TV that plays in IHS locations. Sarah said that DSS would outreach IHS to inquire about showing the Meth Changes Everything videos on Good Health TV.

VIII. Home and Community Based Services Update

Yvette Thomas, Division Director of the Division of Long Term Services and Supports, gave an overview about the re-organization of the Division of Adult Services and Aging in the Department of Social Services to the Division of Long Term Services and Supports in the Department of Human Services. The re-organization brings all four Medicaid waivers under the Department of Human Services and will promote consistency between waivers and services. The change will require an amendment to the current Medicaid waiver. The Division also intends to rename the waiver to be called the Home and community based Options for Person centered Excellence (HOPE) waiver.

IX. Tribal Opportunities

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger overviewed the recent work of the coalition and the proposed changes to Medicaid at the federal level. Minutes and materials from the Health Care Solutions Coalition are available online: <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=145> Donna Keeler expressed interest in Governor Daugaard's written communication to Secretary Price. Brenda said that she would follow up with the Governor's

office. Donna also expressed concern about funding for American Indians, Donna doesn't want American Indians to be left behind in any potential Medicaid reforms. Brenda noted that the Governor is concerned about IHS funding and is working to make sure that IHS has adequate funding.

Sarah reviewed the outcome of tribal visits and recent guidance from CMS on the creation of Tribal 638 FQHCs. Tribal 638 clinics may be deemed an FQHC and paid at the daily rate. Donna Keeler asked if there was an opportunity for Urban Indian to bill for services provided outside the four walls of the FQHC. Sarah indicated that the guidance was specific to the ability for a tribal 638 facility to be deemed as an FQHC.

X. Tribal Reports

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate indicated they are still in the process of re-enrolling Dakota Pride Treatment Center as a Medicaid provider in order to seek reimbursement for outpatient adolescent treatment.

Donna Keeler gave an update about Urban Indian Health. Donna asked if Licensed Professional Counselors working on their MH designation could be Medicaid providers; she noted that additional providers would be able to help provide more behavioral health services. Brenda stated this was a recommendation of the Health Care Solutions Coalition and that the state continues to look for ways to leverage the 100% FMAP policy to fund the recommendations of the Coalition.

Kathy Bad Moccasin gave an update from IHS. IHS is working to develop a database of 638 services. Great Plains is working on pulling and validating information to send to CMS. CMS will then forward information to states. Kathy also inquired about the transition of dental and pharmacy billing services. Sarah Aker gave an update that DSS is working on transitioning IHS billing of dental services to Delta Dental of South Dakota. South Dakota Medicaid is also working on implementing a new point of sale and will transition IHS pharmacy claims to be billed through the point of sale.

XI. Meeting Schedule

- July 13, 2017: Pierre, SD
- October 5, 2017: Tribe Hosted

XII. Adjournment