

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2017
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. CT
Drifter's
325 Hustan Ave, Fort Pierre, SD 57532
Fort Pierre, SD**

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Prayer

III. Review Minutes and Updates from October 13, 2016 Meeting

Minutes from the **October 13, 2016** 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 updated about the Medicaid Online Portal. More information about the Medicaid Online Portal is available online: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/portal.aspx>

IV. 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.

V. 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>

Sam Masten gave an overview of the Asset Verification System (AVS) that will be used for long term care eligibility determinations. The AVS is scheduled to go live in late January/mid-February. Implementation of the system should be seamless from the recipient perspective. Kathy Bad Moccasin asked what system is used to verify income. Sam noted that there are a number of methods that may be used to verify income. Donna Keeler asked if the system may prevent some individuals from losing eligibility. Sam responded yes, because the system may prevent Economic Assistance staff

from having to contact recipients for eligibility information when re-determining eligibility.

VI. Medicaid Expansion

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Services, provided a Medicaid expansion update. The governor met with Vice President Elect shortly after the election; as a result, the governor decided not to pursue Medicaid expansion. Brenda gave an update about the work of the Health Care Solutions Coalition. Some of the recommendations are ongoing and will continue to progress without Medicaid Expansion. Brenda gave a brief overview of the behavioral health recommendation related to technical assistance for tribes. Sarah gave an overview of the work for CHR services. Donna Keeler asked if reimbursement for CHRs might be part of the Health Homes per member per month payment. Sarah indicated that may be one avenue for reimbursement. There are other opportunities for CHRs to be reimbursed for personal care and homemaker services through South Dakota's Adult Services and Aging Waiver. Brenda noted that the South Dakota Health Care Solutions Coalition will meet on January 11 to finalize the report. The Final Report is available online at: <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/bcuploads/SD%20HCSC%20Final%20Report%20Dec%202016.pdf>

VII. IHS Telehealth Update

Dr. Lawrence, Chief Medical Officer for the Great Plains, gave a presentation about telehealth procurement for the Great Plains. Eddie Johnson asked about the possibility of implementing eEmergency in Sisseton's IHS clinic. IHS agreed to follow up with Eddie Johnson offline.

VIII. Home and Community Based Services Update

John New gave a presentation about the Family Support 360 Waiver Renewal. Robert Taken Alive asked how many individuals are served in Corson County. Jennifer Geuther gave a presentation about the Assistive Daily Living Services (ADLS) Waiver renewal.

Sarah gave an overview of the Money Follows the Person Program and an update on the approval of the ASA Waiver renewal.

IX. Tribal Visit Update

Sarah Aker provided an update regarding Tribal Visits including what tribes have been visited, upcoming visits, and visits to be scheduled. Sarah overviewed the opportunity for tribes to enroll as Adult Services and Aging Providers.

Robert Taken Alive asked about how to train tribes for third party billing. Robert also indicated that Standing Rock would like to move forward with

enrolling and beginning to bill Medicaid for ASA waiver services. Sarah agreed to schedule a follow-up visit to Standing Rock to provide assistance to the tribe.

X. Tribal Reports

Donna Keeler requested an update on the Health Care Solutions Coalition recommendation to expand Medicaid allowable mental health professionals to include LPCs. Donna also briefed the group about a CMS Tribal Consultation call held in December about the ability for tribes to become FQHCs. Donna requested information from the State regarding the ability for FQHCs to be reimbursed for services outside the Brick & Mortar. Donna also indicated that MN has submitted a State Plan Amendment to reimburse services at the 100% FMAP for Urban Indian Organizations and requested the state follow-up with MN. Donna requested that all three items be added to the next Tribal Consultation agenda.

XI. Meeting Schedule

- April 6, 2017: Sisseton, SD
- July 13, 2017: Pierre, SD
- October 5, 2017: Tribe Hosted

XII. Adjournment