

South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2014
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Ft. Pierre, SD

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kirby Stone, Director, Division of Medical Services, welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made.

II. Prayer

Dr. Vicki Claymore led the group in prayer.

III. Review Minutes and Updates from July 10, 2014 Meeting

The minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting were emailed to the group and are posted on the DSS Tribal Consultation website. There were no proposed changes to the minutes.

IV. Economic Assistance Update

Carrie Johnson, Division Director, Economic Assistance reported that the new version of the online application was released last week. Revisions included changes that bring the application in-line with the federally facilitated marketplace. Questions that were previously completed in an addendum have been incorporated into the application.

Open enrollment for the FFM begins November 15, 2014 and ends February 15, 2015. Every application to the FFM is assessed for possible Medicaid eligibility. Those that are assessed as possible Medicaid are sent to Medicaid through the account transfer for determination. Economic Assistance has found that most of them do not turn out to be Medicaid eligible. When an individual comes to Medicaid first and is not eligible for Medicaid, Economic Assistance sends them to the FFM to apply for coverage.

Penny Kelly provided an update on the kiosks. Economic Assistance will be putting together a training program for the kiosks. The training will take place on-site at the facilities. There have been some challenges encountered in placement of the kiosks in Wagner and Rapid City. These have primarily centered around consistent wireless access.

Dr. Claymore reported that the CEO of Pine Ridge I.H.S. has inquired about having a kiosk at that facility. Penny stated they would be opening to discussing that. They are planning to place kiosks at the Urban Indian Health sites in Pierre and Sioux Falls. These will be a different type of kiosk.

V. Medicaid State Plan Amendment Update

Ann Schwartz provided an update on State Plan Amendments (SPA) currently in progress. Four State Plan Amendments have been approved by CMS since the last Tribal Consultation meeting. The Department is preparing a SPA to remove some obsolete language from the ICF/IID under 16 beds section. This will be distributed for the tribal consultation period in the near future.

One of the recently approved SPAs was the result of the MAGI coverage changes. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) changed the way eligibility is determined by making it more uniform across states. The MAGI change had a significant impact on the processes of the DSS Division of Economic Assistance.

MAGI in the cloud was promised as a long-term solution that all states could use. South Dakota developed a short-term solution that other states have piggy-backed on and are also using.

Donne Keeler asked if the MAGI change impacted Native Americans, Carrie explained that the intent of MAGI was to standardize the process federally, not change who will be eligible.

Dr. Church indicated that they are finding that the neediest population is those that can't find coverage. They are not eligible for Medicaid because they are not a member of any of the covered eligibility groups. Continued questions about possibility of expanding Medicaid only for Native Americans, which is funded 100% federally. DSS cannot locate any information about this type of expansion in other states but is willing to review that information if it is provided to us. Kirby Stone stated that the Governor did send a letter to DHHS requesting that South Dakota be allowed to limit expansion to those under 150% FPL. DHHS denied this request.

VI. Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule

Ann Schwartz presented a PowerPoint on the Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule released by CMS in January 2014. The rule became effective in March 2014 and states are required to submit

a transition plan to CMS by March 17, 2015. Additional information is available at <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/hcbs/>.

Donna Keeler asked how many Native Americans are impacted by this change. This data was not readily available. It was requested that agenda items pertain specifically to those that impact Native Americans and information about that impact be included. DSS indicated that a request for agenda items can be sent out to the group in advance to the meeting and the impact of items discussed on Native Americans will be included in topics.

The group discussed the current status of the Medicine Wheel facility in Eagle Butte. It was not known if the facility was currently operational or Medicaid-enrolled. It was determined later that the facility is licensed as an Assisted Living but is not enrolled to accept Medicaid payment.

Dr. Claymore asked about the telemedicine facility fee and potentially having IHS claim both the facility fee and the encounter rate when the provider performing the service is on contract with IHS and does not seek reimbursement.

VII. Out-of-State Prior Authorization Update

Ann Schwartz provided an update on the out-of-state prior authorization requirement that was implemented September 1, 2014. Out-of-State PA is required for most services provided outside of the 50-mile border around South Dakota or in Bismarck, ND. More information about this requirement is available at <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/programinfo/pa/inpathospitals.aspx/>

VIII. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

Three handouts on tribal Medicaid expenditures were distributed.

IX. Tribal Reports (from members present)

Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board – reported that they will be participating in a facilitated discussion about the IHS referral and contract processes. IHS will also participate. The goal is to identify the challenges and possible solutions.

Ellen Durkin stated she hopes telemedicine will be part of that discussion. She has been exploring the Avera telemedicine model and

is going to discuss the opportunities for partnership as it is cost effective and results in good patient care.

Urban Indian Health – Donne follow-up on a topic discussed at the last tribal consultation meeting. Ann and Kirby indicated that the division has done federal research and the next step is to run test claims. Once this is done they will be back in touch with Donna regarding next steps.

X. 2015 Meeting Schedule:

January 8, 2015
April 9, 2015
July 11, 2015
October 8, 2015

XI. Adjournment

Note: Tribal Consultation documents, including minutes and supporting handouts, are available at <http://dss.sd.gov/tribalconsultation/index.asp>