

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation
Thursday, May 30, 2013
9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (CDT)
Conference Call**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Malsam-Rysdon welcomed those on the call and facilitated a roll-call of those on the phone. Those from DSS introduced themselves.

II. Review of Documents Sent via Email

a. January 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Kirby Stone asked if anyone had any comments or questions related to the minutes. There were none.

b. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

Kirby walked through the financial information that was sent out prior to the meeting, including I.H.S. expenditures for the first quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 and NEMT expenditures for 7/1/2013 to 12/31/2012.

III. Update on Medicaid State Plan Amendments

Ann Schwartz provided an update on State Plan Amendments per the document distributed prior to the meeting. Three State Plan Amendments related to the FY2014 Budget Appropriation were distributed for tribal consultation and public notice on 5/23/2013 and more will be distributed in the coming weeks.

The State Plan is now available on the DSS website.

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/medicaidstateplan/index.asp>

State Plan Amendment information can also be found at:

<http://dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/medicaidstateplan/index.asp>

IV. 2013 Legislative Session

Secretary Malsam-Rysdon provided an update on 2013 legislative session. The Department's budget request was approved and

included necessary increases for anticipated caseload growth and cost growth. As a result of the new appropriations committee, DSS received several questions from the new committee members who were not familiar with DSS. The Department provided follow-up information throughout the legislative session and the appropriations process to respond to their questions and to ensure a greater level of understanding around the work/services provided by DSS.

Secretary Malsam-Rysdon touched briefly on the work that was done during session to improve access to behavioral health services. Two bills were filed and passed. One targeted accessibility of behavioral health services for those who are incarcerated and the other continued to refine access to crisis intervention services. The intent is to provide services more regionally to prevent admittance to the Human Services Center when possible.

V. Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid expansion was a significant topic of discussion during session. Secretary Malsam-Rysdon and Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger facilitated informational sessions for legislators to provide information about who could become eligible and what the associated costs might be. They also included background on how Medicaid works now to provide a context regarding the impact of expansion.

The Governor did not support expanding Medicaid during FY14 due to concerns that the federal funding commitment will be sustainable in the future and unknowns around expansion, including how benefits and services must be provided to new populations. Many aspects of Medicaid expansion are still being sorted out and clarified at the federal level. States have the opportunity to continue to look at the possibility of expansion and determine if it's right for the state at a later date. South Dakota felt it prudent to gain clarification on the outstanding issues before making a decision regarding the possibility of future expansion.

Two bills regarding expansion were filed during session – one to require expansion and one to prohibit expansion. Neither bill passed. The Governor formed the Medicaid Opportunities and Challenges Task Force with the intent to look at the pros and cons of Medicaid expansion in South Dakota. I.H.S. is represented on this task force. The State secured an external consultant to assist South Dakota in reviewing the pros and cons of Medicaid expansion, and to gather information regarding what other states are doing related to expansion. The Task Force has met twice, once in Pierre and once in Rapid City. The next meeting will be in Sioux Falls at end of June. Each meeting

has time dedicated to public testimony. The Task Force will produce a report detailing pros and cons and the factors that would impact implementation should the state choose to expand.

VI. Online Application

Penny Kelley of Economic Assistance (EA) provided an update on the online application progress. At the last meeting, EA was in the process of starting to pilot the online application. The system was piloted in Lake Andes, Watertown, Aberdeen and Yankton. The pilot has gone well and EA is now starting to roll out to other areas. In June, the system will roll out in Regions 7 and 5 which includes Union, Hutchinson, Turner, Clay, and Roberts counties, among others. With the online application system, recipients can use the system to do new applications or renewal applications.

Some locations are secured for the kiosks and EA is in the final decision phase of kiosk functionalities. EA is currently focusing on I.H.S. hospitals as kiosk locations, but will look at other locations and is open to suggestions. EA expects the kiosks to be implemented by late summer or early fall.

Penny will provide a demonstration of the online system at the July tribal consultation meeting.

VII. Health Home Initiative Update

Kathi Mueller provided an update on Health Home implementation following the document shared with the group prior to the meeting. DSS cannot move forward with approval of applications from I.H.S. until we receive confirmation from CMS that services provided by I.H.S. will be reimbursed at 100%.

Dayle Knutson asked if there's anything I.H.S. can do to help facilitate a positive response on this issue. Dayle and Kathi will follow-up after the call.

VIII. Tribal Reports

There were no tribal reports.

Dayle Knutson provided a Public Health Nursing (PHN) update. They have moved forward with PHN billing. They had success at one site and are working to incorporate needed computer systems to conduct the billing at other sites.

The new I.H.S. per diem rates were published in the Federal Register. The retroactive add-pay was on last week's payroll. Kathy Bad Moccasin was distributed to individual service units.

I.H.S. has extended clinic hours and pharmacy hours and has also started an antibiotic stewardship program

DSS will work with I.H.S. to conduct follow-up calls focused on billing questions and services provided through the State Plan.

IX. Next meeting – July 11, 2013

The remaining meeting schedule for 2013 is:
July 11, 2013
October 10, 2013

X. Adjournment