

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MT)
Ramkota
Rapid City, SD**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ann Schwartz, Deputy Director of the Division of Medical Services, welcomed those who were in-person in Rapid and those who were joining by phone due to inclement weather. Those participating introduced themselves.

II. Prayer

Jesse Taken Alive of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe led the prayer.

III. Review Minutes and Updates from October 9, 2014 Meeting

Ann Schwartz indicated that the minutes from the last meeting were distributed and have been posted to the DSS Tribal Consultation website - <http://dss.sd.gov/tribalconsultation/index.asp>. There were no updates to the minutes.

IV. Economic Assistance Update

Julie Miller, Deputy Director, Division of Economic Assistance, provided an update on Affordable Care Act Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) enrollment. Open enrollment began November 15 and will continue until February 15, 2015. Between November 15, 2014 and December 15, 2014, 13,400 South Dakotans applied for coverage in the FFM. 2,356 have been referred to DSS. Of those, 5% were Native American. DSS has found that more Native Americans are coming directly to DSS rather than apply through the FFM.

Of the 2,356 referred to DSS:

- 37% were already enrolled in SD Medicaid.
- 17% were found eligible for SD Medicaid.
- 46% were not eligible.

There were a variety of reasons why individuals were not eligible:

- 30% were over the income requirements.
- 18% had no Medicaid program available.

- 10% did not provide documentation.
- 4% withdrew their application after learning they had been referred to Medicaid.
- 33% were referred to the Long-Term Care eligibility unit
- 5 % - other

There was a question about seeing data regarding the number of people who have appealed based on denials. We are not aware of any appeals based on the denial of a Medicaid application that originated from the FFM. That information is not specifically tracked at this time.

When account transfers come in from the FFM a response is sent back to the applicant regardless of the outcome. If the individual is not eligible for Medicaid, the individual can then seek assistance from the FFM. There was a question about what information is included in the letter and if it includes information about other face-to-face resources as not everyone has access to the internet on the reservation. Julie indicated she would review the language on the letter to see if something can be incorporated, but reminded the group that the letter is used statewide so cannot be tailored by geographical area.

A participant asked if Cobell and Keepseagle settlements are factored into the income and resources for determining eligibility. Julie confirmed they are not counted as income.

Two Division of Economic Assistance staff – Penny Kelley and Amanda Doherty - participate in the biweekly calls with the SD Navigators.

Julie provided an update on the Enrollment Kiosks. The challenges encountered in Rapid City should be resolved by the end of the month. Additional hardware has been ordered to enable the kiosk to connect to the internet. They will then move on to Wagner to ensure that kiosk is also up and running.

Laptop kiosks have been ordered for the Urban Indian Health sites in Sioux Falls and Pierre. Dr. Claymore indicated that Pine Ridge may now be interested in having a kiosk at their IHS Unit.

V. Legislative Update

The 2015 Legislative session will begin Tuesday, January 13. DSS is not presenting any bills related to Medicaid, but will follow any bills that are submitted by others. DSS will present its budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee in late January. We will provide a detailed Legislative update at the April 9th meeting.

VI. Medicaid State Plan Amendment Update

Ann Schwartz provided a State Plan Amendment (SPA) update. There are currently two State Plan Amendments in process. The first is to establish the cost share exemption for those in the Breast and Cervical Cancer program. The second is to eliminate obsolete language from the pages related to Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/IID) with fewer than 16 beds. Both are in CMS review.

When SPAs are being prepared for submission to CMS, they are distributed for a 30-day Tribal Consultation and Public Notice period. They are distributed by email and are also posted on the DSS website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/medicaidstateplan/index.asp>.

VII. Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule

Ann Schwartz, Marilyn Kinsman, Division Director, Adult Services and Aging, and Colin Hutchison, Department of Human Services, provided a presentation on the CMS HCBS Settings Rule (HCBS PowerPoint). DSS and DHS are working collaboratively to develop the required Transition Plan which must be submitted to CMS on or before March 17, 2015. The Transition Plan will be distributed for the formal Tribal Consultation and Public Notice period at the end of January. We welcome comments, feedback and questions on the Transition Plan.

VIII. Services of the DSS Division of Adult Services and Aging

Marilyn Kinsman provided a presentation on the services of the Division of Adult Services and Aging (ASA Tribal Consultation PowerPoint).

IX. Health Home Update

Ann Schwartz presented an update on the Health Home Initiative (Health Home Update).

X. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

Lori Thompson, Deputy Director, Division of Medical Services reviewed the quarterly report of I.H.S. and tribal Medicaid expenditures. It was requested that additional information regarding number of claims be included on future reports.

XI. Tribal Reports (from members present)

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – appreciates all of the information and the work that was involved in preparing the reports. Would like to sit down and build upon what is already being done by looking at additional opportunities for partnership.

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held April 9, 2015. Agenda items can be submitted to Ann Schwartz at ann.schwartz@state.sd.us.

Dr. Claymore made a suggestion for next the meeting asking that DSS provide data about any increases we have experienced as a result of the ACA (# of recipients and services).

XIII. 2015 Meeting Schedule:

July 9, 2015

October 8, 2015

XIV. Adjournment.