

## **MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST

Zoom

### **Attendees**

Sarah Aker, Ashley Lauing, Matthew Ballard, Valerie Kelly, Renae Hericks, Kathi Mueller, Erik Nelson, Jennifer Larson, Michelle Baack, Jason Wickersham, Eric Grocott, Christine Olson, Lynne Kaufmann, Mark Burket, Karli Williams, Jennifer Gray, Mike Diedrich, Philip Galewitz.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Sarah Aker introduced herself as the new Medicaid Director effective November 9<sup>th</sup>. Members of the committee introduced themselves.

### **Review Minutes**

Minutes from last meeting available at the [Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting Website](#)

### **State Plan Amendment Report**

Renae Hericks provided an overview of state plan amendments since the last meeting. A complete list of state plan amendments can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

### **Medicaid Updates**

#### **Health Home Updates**

Kathi Mueller provided an update on the health home program; slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

South Dakota Medicaid is evaluating how to re-tier individuals as their conditions change over time. The proposed change would use 6 months of data to change a recipient's tier once a year. Recipients would only move up or down one tier to stabilize changes to the program. Under the proposed change 80% of clinics should see an increase in payments. There may be some decreases, but none greater than \$5,000.

### **CHART**

Matthew Ballard presented on the Community Health Access Rural Transformation (CHART) model; slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

DSS was awarded \$2 million with an additional \$3 million available over the life of the grant for this model. DSS is currently working on submission of the transformation plan due to CMS on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This transformation plan focuses on population health disparities in the community and at least one other strategic priority. The transformation plan must include strategies to expand use of telehealth and other technology and must be approved and signed off on by the entire advisory board.

## **Well-Child Affinity Group**

Ashley Lauing presented on the Well-Child Affinity Group; slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

The Well-Child Affinity Group is currently working to increase well-child visits for children under 15 months specifically looking at American Indian and Alaska Native children. South Dakota Medicaid is currently working on implementing 3 change ideas. The first change idea is utilization of a rack card during acute care visits to highlight the importance of well-child visits. Indian Health Service (IHS) has agreed to launch this change idea and track appointment data. The second change idea is being implemented with South Dakota Urban Indian Health and will test the effectiveness and appropriateness of well-child visits during an acute care visit when clinically indicated. The final change idea is a social media campaign using culturally tailored messaging. Participating health systems have asked us to focus more on well-child visits in our marketing and less on immunizations to ensure that children are scheduled for a full well child visit when they call instead of receiving an immunization only visit. The group discussed ideas to increase well child visit scheduling.

## **NASHP Maternal Health Group**

Renea Hericks presented on the NASHP Maternal Health Group; slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

South Dakota is one of 8 states selected to participate in this group. South Dakota Medicaid is partnering with DOH to review the following ideas: Maternal Health Home Model, expanding Bright Start home visiting program locations, and pairing DOH nurses with enrolled providers.

## **Dental Fluoride Varnish Affinity Group**

Valerie Kelly presented on the Dental Fluoride Varnish Affinity Group; slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#).

DSS is working with South Dakota Medicaid's dental contractor Delta Dental of South Dakota on this program. Program goals include reducing childhood caries in Medicaid and CHIP and a learning collaborative to support agencies to improve children's oral health with the goal of improving delivery of fluoride varnish by primary or community providers.

The program has accomplished the following: created a dashboard using Power BI to analyze and monitor fluoride varnish use, targeted outreach to providers. The Delta Dental Foundation provides in person training, they have currently trained 214 providers and 138 professional students. The group discussed future research including looking into the rates of dental utilization by children with a fluoride varnish applied in a non-dental setting. The group also discussed ways to ensure that pediatrician and family practice providers have knowledge of dental providers seeing Medicaid patients.

## **Medicaid Provider Resources**

Ashley Lauing presented on some of the resources available to providers; slides can be found on the [Medicaid Advisory Committee webpage](#). The DSS website provides a wide range of provider resources, a few services were highlighted. Eric Grocott asked if the Portal Message pop-ups could be reduced for multiple logins on the same day.

## **Public Input**

None

### **Plan Next Meeting Date**

The group agreed to a virtual meeting format going forward. The next meeting will be held in November, on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-12.