
Health Care Solutions Coalition Update

Tribal Consultation
January 4, 2018

CMS Policy Change

February 26, 2016: HHS changed national Medicaid funding policy to cover more services for IHS eligibles with 100% federal funds.

- More services now considered provided “through” IHS.
- No longer limited to services provided in IHS facilities only.
- May apply to more than specialty care services, including transportation, pharmacy, hospital and long term care services.
- Maintains IHS responsibility to provide health care to American Indians.

100% Federal Funding Policy Requirements

1. Participation by individuals and providers must be voluntary.
2. Services outside IHS must be provided via written care coordination agreement.
3. IHS must maintain responsibility for the patient's care.
4. Provider must share medical records with IHS.

Implementing New Federal Policy Requires Changes

- Providers:**
 - Sign care coordination agreements with IHS;
 - Share medical records with IHS.
- IHS:**
 - Sign care coordination agreements with providers;
 - Maintain responsibility for patient care;
 - Accept medical records.
- State:**
 - Track care coordination agreement status and ensure appropriate billing.

SDHSC Recommendations / Next Steps

- ❑ Savings leveraged will be used to fund several previous coalition recommendations that would increase access to services including:
 1. Cover substance abuse treatment for adults currently eligible for Medicaid (current coverage limited to adolescents and pregnant women)
 - **Target Implementation: July 1, 2018**
 2. Add Medicaid eligible behavioral health and substance use disorder providers.
 - Licensed marriage and family therapists
 - CSW working toward PIP and LPC working toward MH providers
 - **Target Implementation: January 1, 2019**

SDHSC Recommendations / Next Steps

3. Develop a Community Health Worker program in Medicaid.
 - **Target Implementation: April 2019**
4. Innovation grants for primary and prenatal care
 - **Target Implementation: July 2019**
5. If there are additional savings available after these items are funded: uncompensated care/shared savings with providers, including Indian Health Service.

SDHSC Recommendations / Next Steps

- Alternative Service Delivery Model
- Evaluate next steps with other health providers and care coordination agreements.