

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 2018
1:00 – 3:00 PM MT
Eagle Butte IHS Hospital
Conference Room
24276 Airport Road
Eagle Butte, SD**

I. Welcome and Introductions

William Snyder, Director, Division of Medical Services, welcomed those in attendance. Participants introduced themselves.

II. Prayer

III. Review Minutes and Updates from July 2018 Meeting

Minutes from the **July 2018** meeting were distributed to the Tribal Consultation group. The minutes and related handouts are also posted on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx>.

IV. Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

The Quarterly Report was posted on the Department's website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx>.

V. State Plan Amendment Report

Sarah Aker reviewed the State Plan Amendment report. Larry Morningstar asked about the rates for SUD services. The rates for SUD services are available on the fee schedule developed by the Division of Behavioral Health and are available online at: https://dss.sd.gov/docs/medicaid/providers/feeschedules/commbh_sud_FY19_rate.pdf Margaret Bad Warrior asked about the status of Cheyenne River's request for new services. Bill Snyder indicated he would follow-up with Margaret after the meeting.

VI. Provider Enrollment Overview

Ellen Blauert gave an overview of the process for enrolling as a Medicaid provider. CJ Means asked if DSS providers technical assistance or webinar. Ellen noted that DSS has not done a recent webinar but has staff available every day to provide technical assistance to providers or individuals enrolling. Past webinars are available on the DSS website and a webinar could be

scheduled for a particular group. Larry Morning Star asked about the definition of ABA. Sarah said that ABA stands for Applied Behavior Analysis and is a specialized therapy typically used to treat children with autism. The group asked if licensed social workers are eligible to enroll. South Dakota Medicaid currently enrolls licensed social workers in private independent practice (PIP) or those at the highest level of licensure. In December, South Dakota Medicaid will begin enrolling licensed social workers working under supervision towards the highest level of licensure. CJ asked if these services are typically paid at the federal match. Yes, these services are typically paid at the applicable federal match rate. Joni Arpan asked about how long the enrollment process takes. DSS works enrollment applications in the order they are received, depending on the que of applications, the processing time varies. Ellen offered to look into specific applications that Joni referenced.

VII. Billing Example

Sarah Aker reviewed the process for submitting a claim and resources available on the Medicaid website. Margaret Bad Warrior said that they have difficulty with the 6 month timely filing limit and asked for an exception to timely filing if the claim comes from a tribal entity. Joni indicated that denials especially take a while to research and reprint. Sarah explained that states are allowed to set timely filing limits not to exceed one year and that there are many reasons to have a 6 month timely filing limit. Sarah also offered to provide additional technical assistance for denial reasons and help for resolving claim issues to assist with adjudication. Joni asked what happens when a provider isn't approved within the 6 month timely filing limit. Ellen explained that the provider will receive a letter with special claims processing instructions for overriding timely filing. Bill added that the 6 month timely filing limit assists with state budgets. Kathy Bad Moccasin noted that it's important to track the amount billed on claims submitted to Medicaid and to update the amount billed when the OMB rate changes.

VIII. Health Care Solutions Coalition Update

Bill Snyder provided an update on the Health Care Solutions Coalition. Bill noted that new mental health providers will be implemented ahead of schedule on December 1, 2018. The administrative rule changes are currently pending public comment. Bill asked for volunteers for the CHW workgroup. Dr. Morningstar, Beth Lee, and Margaret Gates volunteered. Larry Morningstar asked if navigators could bill CHW services. Potentially if they meet the requirements for a billable service and the qualifications for the CHW.

IX. Other DSS updates

Bill Snyder addressed a letter that the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board sent to the Division of Medical Services regarding Hepatitis C treatment. Bill noted that SD Medicaid policy toward Hepatitis C treatment

was developed utilizing clinical guidance and is consistent with other states and payers. Bill also explained that SD Medicaid will accept APRI and Fibroscan tests. Bill also confirmed that SD Medicaid policy toward use of antivirals for treatment of Hepatitis C does require abstinence from injectable drugs.

Jessica Leston stated that only three states share South Dakota Medicaid's policy toward Hepatitis C treatment and that those states' policies are graded as F by a group she cited. Ms. Leston also said that published prior authorization criteria are inconsistent with those described by Bill. DSS will look into the discrepancies cited by Ms. Leston.

Bill reported that IHS went live with the new POS system for Rx on Monday Bill reported on the Career Connector waiver application. The program was designed with in put from a broad and diverse stakeholder group. It's designed to help people able to work to enhance their skills and find employment – especially employment with health insurance benefits. The focus is on areas with greatest availability of jobs and training resources – Pennington and Minnehaha counties. The program includes plans for addressing barriers to work and plans for alleviating reduction in benefits as income increases.

X. Tribal Reports

Jonnie discussed the Tribal Opioid Response grant. CJ cited the need for the group to continue to be proactive about substance abuse and treatment, and to take advantage of resources. Arlene noted the challenge presented by pregnant women using drugs, especially with limited resources. CJ encouraged colleagues to invite legislators to future meetings, and to involve them

XI. 2019 Meeting Schedule

- January 10, 2019: Pierre
- April 11, 2019: Tribe Hosted
- July 11, 2019: Pierre
- October 10, 2019: Tribe Hosted

Beth Lee volunteered to host the April meeting in Rapid City.

XII. Adjournment