

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting Thursday, October
17, 2019
1:00 – 3:00 PM MT
Prairie Wind Casino
112 Casino Drive
Pine Ridge, SD 57772**

Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Aker, Assistant Division Director of Medical Services welcomed those in attendance. Participants introduced themselves.

Review Minutes and Updates

Minutes overview from the July 2019 meeting were provided by Sarah Aker. The minutes and related handouts are also posted on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation](#) website.

Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

The Quarterly Report was posted on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation](#) website.

State Plan Amendment Report

Sarah Aker provided the State Plan Amendment (SPA) report. At this time there are 6 SPA updates. A question was asked about the Drug Utilization Amendment regarding what limitations are set for an opioid naïve recipients. Sarah stated that opioid naïve recipient is a recipient that has not had a Medicaid claim for an opioid in the previous 60 days. The opioid drug utilization edits in the pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system are designed to prevent addiction and misuse of opioids. There was a question concerning the pending 1115 Waivers. Sarah Aker will add 1115 updates to the State Plan Amendment Report for future meetings.

Community Based Provider Workgroup Update

Sarah Aker provided an update of the activities of the group. The Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) was signed the last week of September. The IPA nurses, Andi Ferguson (Pine Ridge) and Jodi Smith (Rosebud) have been working from their locations. South Dakota Medicaid has also outreached Oyate Health Center regarding Care Coordination Agreements.

Bill Snyder discussed Innovation Grants to improve primary and prenatal care for women in the Medicaid program. The providers receiving awards were Avera Health, Center for Family Medicine and Native Women's Health Care. A question was asked about Avera Health working with an IHS facility for continuous glucose monitors. Sarah noted that Avera and the state are working to connect Avera to an IHS facility and that if an IHS facility would like to work with Avera Health, to contact South Dakota Medicaid.

Sarah Aker stated that Sam Hynes is working with community health workers (CHW) in developing policies for the facilities. She has recently been working with Sisseton about the Family Spirit Program. South Dakota Medicaid is looking at adding this program to the approved curriculums for CHW. Sarah encouraged other programs that may qualify as a CHW to contact South Dakota Medicaid for assistance or to stay after the meeting to discuss.

Bill Snyder walked the group through the [Care Coordination Benefits](#) handout regarding the Medicaid budget for savings achieved through the work of the Community Based Provider Workgroup and specific

expenditures for SUD services for adults and additional mental health providers. Margaret Bad Warrior asked for the report to be included in future meetings.

Other DSS Updates

Providers who have access to the South Dakota Online Provider Portal now have the capability to submit professional claims (CMS 1500 Claim Form) through the online portal. Claims are processed nightly. To start submitting claims through the online portal, providers need to add the permission in the portal. The [South Dakota Medicaid website](#) has training material for this new process. South Dakota Medicaid will soon have an option to look at services limits through the online Provider Portal.

Another new online item is the Primary Care Provider (PCP)/ Health Home (HH) provider selection. Recipients are now able to use an online [PCP/HH look-up](#) tool. This feature shows recipients which providers are available in their areas. Through the PCP/HH Provider selection tool, providers and recipients can update/change or select a new PCP/HH provider.

Behavioral Health Update

Stacy Bruels provided an overview of the accreditation process for Tribal SUD program including how to receive deemed accreditation status through the Indian Health Service's quality assurance review. If pursuing deemed status through the IHS quality assurance review, see the Deemed Accreditation Process on [South Dakota Medicaid website](#) or contact Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236.

Stacy Bruels also mentioned past work with the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board for tribes interested in becoming a Community Mental Health Center.

Last, Stacy Bruels provided an update on the strategies the Division of Behavioral Health has implemented for opioid awareness, prevention, and treatment. Strategies include an Opioid Resource Hotline, overdose education and naloxone distribution, medication assisted treatment, peer recovery supports, and prevention strategies for youth, higher education, and communities as well as public awareness campaigns. .

Dr. Morning Star asked about credentialing of addiction counselors. Stacy Bruels indicated addiction counselors may be recognized by the Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals or through the Great Plains American Indian Credentialing Board. Sarah Aker clarified that reimbursement is made to the facility/agency, not directly to an addiction counselor.

A question was asked regarding the difference between intensive inpatient and psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) listed as eligible services. It was clarified that intensive inpatient is for those adults that are needing inpatient level of care while adolescents in need of inpatient receive services at a PRTF.

Tribal Reports

Oyate provided an update on their facility and that they are working towards billing Medicaid. Beth Lee asked a question about information on referrals. South Dakota Medicaid has been updating all billing manuals on the Medicaid website to be more comprehensive. The new referral manual can be found on [South Dakota Medicaid website](#). The manual contains specific information regarding IHS and Tribal facilities and referrals. There was another question regarding documentation and record keeping. The new Documentation and Record Keeping manual can be found on [South Dakota Medicaid website](#).

South Dakota Urban Indian Health indicated they are beginning to implement MAT.

Public Input

No public input during the meeting.

2020 Meeting Schedule

Sarah Aker went over the dates for 2020. They will be as follows:

- January 28, 2020: Pierre
- April 28, 2020: Tribe Hosted
- July 28, 2020: Pierre
- October 27, 2020: Tribe Hosted

CHW and Behavioral Health Enrollment Technical Assistance

Sarah Aker reiterated the availability of technical assistance from the Division of Behavioral Health for substance use disorder treatment and community mental health centers as well as through Medicaid for CHWs.