

South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Tuesday January 26, 2021
1:00 – 3:00 PM CT
[Zoom](#)

Attendees

Jonni Arpan, Bonnie Cromwell, Lisa Lee, Samantha Hynes, Beth Lee, Raegan Winder, Andi Ferguson, Loir Langdeaux, Matthew Ballard, Lisa Fox, Alex Arroba, Stacy Bruels, Laura Ellenbecker, Bill Snyder, Joey Younie, Lynn Provost, Jamie Morris, Richard Burns, Kevin Dewald, Brenda Tidball- Zeltinger, Tiffany Wolfgang, Vickee Anderson, Roxanne Two Bulls, Kelly Lloyd, Linda Littlefield, Renay Youpee, Tiffany Larson, Julie Hand, Laurie Gill, and Cathy Jeffries

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Snyder welcomed the group. Everyone introduced themselves and where they are located.

Review Minutes and Updates from the October 2020 Meeting

Minutes for the meeting can be found on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation website](#).

Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

The quarterly report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures can be found on the [Medicaid Tribal Consultation webpage](#).

Health Link Presentation

Kevin DeWald, Lisa Fox, and Kelly Lloyd provided an overview of the State's Health Information Exchange, Health Link. Health Link has grant funding available to help interested providers cover membership fees.

There are new analysis and population health updates coming to the HIE later in 2021.

There was a question from Roxanne Two Bulls regarding system requirements in order to use the HEI. Health Link is a web-based program so a provider would only need a computer and an internet connection.

Slides from the presentation can be found on the [Tribal Consultation webpage](#).

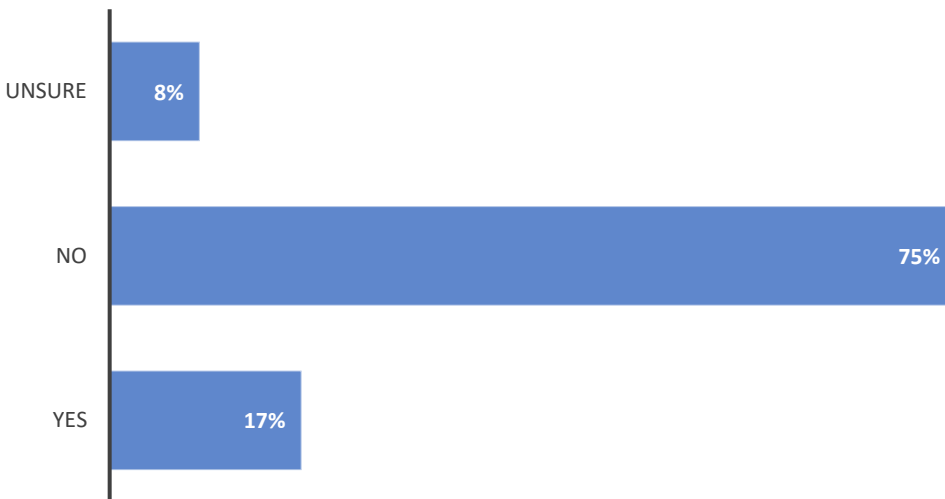
Poll #1

Is your organization interested in using Health Link?



Poll #2

Does your organization already use Health Link?



DHS Updates

Jamie Morris, Clinical Administrator in the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provided updates from the DDD and shared the new resource guide they have been working on. Print materials can be requested by contacting Jamie at Jamie.Morris@state.sd.us. Resources presented during the meeting can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#).

COVID-19 Update

Bill provided COVID-19 updates. DSS has released a provider bulletins regarding COVID-19 vaccine administration. All provider bulletins include COVID-19 specific bulletins and the COVID-19 FAQs can be found on the [provider communications page](#) or the [DSS COVID resources page](#).

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended the Public Health Emergency (PHE) until April 20, 2021, HHS has indicated they expect to extend it further.

SD Medicaid has received questions about COVID testing outside of a clinic such as a parking lot and being reimbursed at the encounter rate. This was allowed by the federal government until January 2021. There have been recent updates to the federal guidance which will allow COVID testing in offsite locations to be reimbursed at the encounter rate until October 2021.

Roxanne Two Bulls from Native Women's Health Care (NWHC) had a question about the grants the state was providing as a result of COVID. NWHC has applied for funding but has not received a response back. DSS committed to checking into the application and getting back to Roxanne.

State Plan Amendment Report

Matthew Ballard provided an update on Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA) There are two SPAs that have been approved since the last meeting. A complete list of SPAs can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#).

Community Based Provider Workgroup Update

The Community Based Provider Workgroup continues to meet. The monthly shared savings reports continue to be posted on the [DSS webpage](#). There are additional Care Coordination Agreements (CCA) that are still pending signature with IHS.

DSS is seeking to hire a mid-level provider IPA position. This position can be used to help make referrals. The hiring process for this position was interrupted by COVID and the position needed to be reposted.

Other DSS Updates

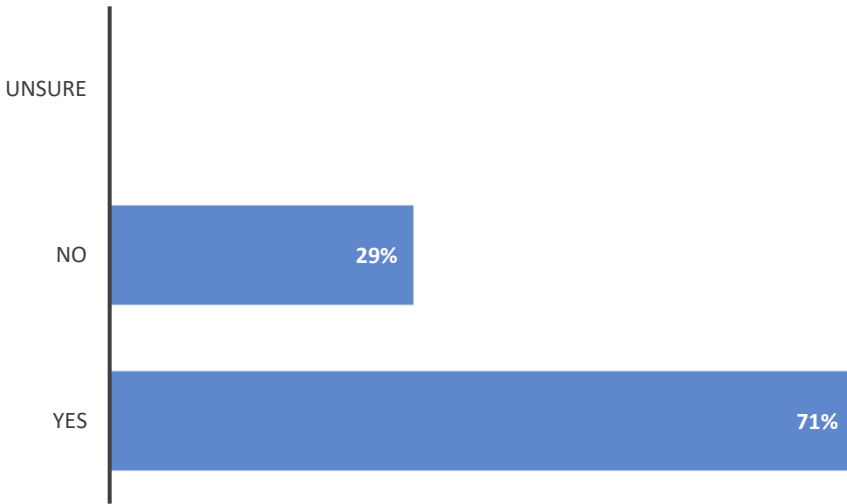
1500 Claim Forms

Lisa provided an update on the switch to the 1500 claim form for IHS providers. DSS has had several weeks of claims that have been submitted. The ones that have been submitted thus far look good. DSS is starting to see immunizations and well child visits come through.

Beth Lee mentioned that she has been seeing a lot of denials because of too many revenue codes. Lisa indicated that this should not be happening. Beth and Lisa will connect to resolve the issue.

Poll #3

Have you submitted or used a CMS 1500 claim form to bill before?



DSS Tribal Consultation Listserv

Samantha Hynes provided an overview of how to sign up for the Tribal Consultation Listserv. Individuals can sign up for the listserv on the [Tribal Consultation website](#).

Behavioral Health Update

Tiffany Wolfgang provided a Behavioral Health (BH) update. BH was a recipient of a 988, state planning grant, the grant will help the state to implement 988 as the suicide prevention phone number effective July 16, 2022. This is a national movement to assist people experiencing a mental health crisis. A work group will be meeting to start planning and implementing 988.

BH is working with IHS and GPTCHB to work on the marketing campaign for 605 Strong.

The emergency treatment COVID grant that was awarded to BH will be rolled out soon, the grant will be working with organizations to provide treatment supports through a voucher program.

Tribal Reports

Native Women's Health Care reported that they have been working to be able to provide sexual assault forensic exams. They are targeting May/June to have this service fully available.

Cathie Jeffries reported that her program is beginning to provide community health worker services and will be billing Medicaid for this service shortly.

Beth Lee reported that she is working to resolve some issues with billing on the CMS 1500 and that they are working on increasing behavioral health services.

Public Input

There were no comments made by members present.

Upcoming Meetings

April 27, 2021

July 27, 2021

October 26, 2021