

South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Tuesday July 27, 2021
1:00 – 3:00 PM CT
[Zoom](#)

Attendees

Alex Arroba, Andi Ferguson, Bill Snyder, Bonnie Cromwell, Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Cassie Long, Matthew Ballard, Nicki Bartel, Richard Bird, Samantha Hynes, Vickee Anderson, Melanie Boetel, Anna Sump, Breana Spinler, Jessie McEntaffer, Jerri Starr, Cathy Jeffries, Jamie Caron, Beth Lee

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Snyder welcomed the group. Everyone introduced themselves.

Review Minutes and Updates from the April 2021 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](#).

Review Tribal Consultation Purpose, Attendance, and Meeting Format

DSS will be sending out communication to Tribal leaders regarding the purpose and format of Tribal Consultation. We will be asking leadership to confirm Tribal Consultation delegates or to provide updates if needed.

State Plan Amendment Report

Matthew Ballard provided an update on Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA). A complete list of SPAs can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#). Bonnie Cromwell asked about the status of the 1115 demonstration waiver to add FQHCs to the IHS provider network. The 1115 waiver Improving American Indian Health is still with CMS for review. CMS has not taken action on this waiver application.

Other DSS Updates

IHS to 1500

Jessie McEntaffer provided an update on the conversion to the 1500 claim form, her presentation can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#). Jamie Karen at Oyate Health asked if data provided in the presentation about well visits and vaccination is based on diagnosis code. The data provided in the presentation is pulled by CPT code. Beth Lee asked remittance advices and if there was anything that can be done about the files being several pages long. Jessie suggested that the agency get the 835 file instead of using the portal remittance advices. The 835 has more information and can tie claims together. The provider will need to work with the RPMs system to get this file. Jamie asked about itemized billing on the 1500 and billing at \$0. Medicaid expects that providers bill the usual and customary fee on the claim even knowing that the amount paid will be the encounter rate. Billing at \$0 has an impact on how the claims are processed so Medicaid would prefer that providers include the usual and customary charge.

Behavioral Health Update

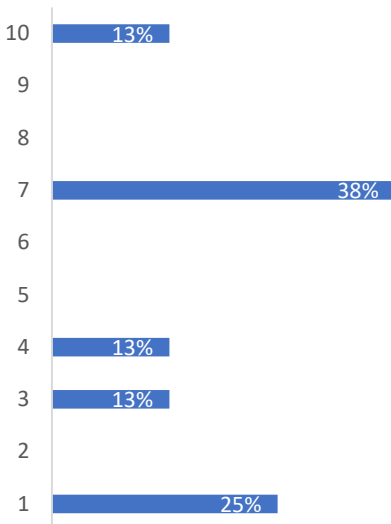
Melanie provided a Division of Behavioral Health update. Links to the materials shared by Melanie can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#).

- Behavioral Health Voucher Program – This program offers funding assistance and support for SUD and mental health services for people impacted by natural disasters in 2019. It allows providers to enroll in the program and invoice DBH to provide treatment services for those impacted by natural disasters. DBH has partnered with 211 to help people seek these services.
- 988 Planning Grant – Beginning in July 2022, 988 will be available for people to call if experience a mental health crisis. This will replace the 1-800 number.

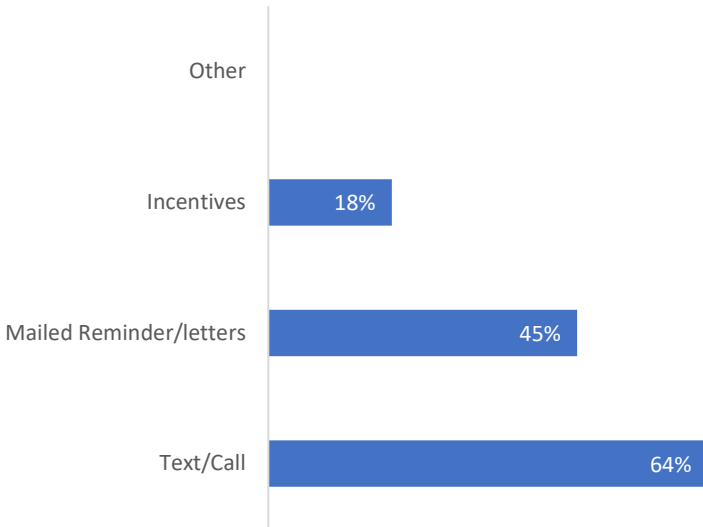
Review Medicaid Recipient Handbook

Anna Sump and Breana Spinler provided an overview of the Medicaid Recipient Handbook. A copy of their presentation can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#).

Poll 1: On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable do you feel about your knowledge of the recipient handbook?



Poll 2: How do you encourage recipients to get preventative care?



Poll 3: A recipient has their own vehicle and has an appointment 100 miles away. True or False: NEMT reimbursement covers food and lodging, in addition to gas mileage, for this trip.



Answer is false, the trip has to be more than 150 miles to be eligible for food and lodging reimbursement.

Tribal Reports

Beth Lee reported that GPTCHB is working on their behavioral health services and have been in working to get a mobile unit started.

Bonnie Cromwell indicated that UIH was focusing right now on COVID-19 related services as well as back to school services including vaccinations and well visits.

Alex Arroba reported that they are working with the Great Plains Area IHS on a treatment center. They are currently working on billing and accreditation.

Public Input

There were no comments made by members present.

Upcoming Meetings

October 26, 2021