

**South Dakota Department of Social Services**  
**Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting**  
**Tuesday October 26, 2021**  
**1:00 – 3:00 PM CT**

**Attendees**

Matthew Ballard, Samantha Hynes, Renae Hericks, Ellen Dirkin, Beth Lee, Nicki Bartel, Cassie Long, Vickie Anderson, Stacy Bruels, Andi Ferguson, Jamie Caron, Brittany Lecroux, Christine Olson

**Welcome and Introductions**

Matthew Ballard welcomed the group. Everyone introduced themselves. Matthew announced Bill Snyder's last day with the department was September 24<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Aker will be coming back to DSS as the Medicaid Director effective November 9<sup>th</sup>. Matthew also announced Samantha Hynes is leaving Medical Services and this will be her last meeting.

**Review Minutes and Updates from July 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**

In September 2021 Medicaid sent an email to Tribal and IHS leaders regarding Tribal Consultation delegates and Tribal Consultation meeting format. Attendees were encouraged to have tribal leaders fill out the survey. DSS will send another reminder about the survey but please remind your tribal leaders to complete the survey.

**State Plan Amendment Report**

Renae Hericks provided an update on Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA). A complete list of SPAs can be found on the [Tribal Consultation website](#). Beth Lee asked for more information about the CHOICES Waiver amendment. The CHOICES waiver amendment was related to supplemental payments for CHOICES waiver providers who have a signed care coordination agreement with IHS. Comments on the CHOICES waiver amendment are due November 17, 2021 and can be sent to [infodd@state.sd.us](mailto:infodd@state.sd.us).

**Other DSS Updates**

*Well Child Affinity Group*

Samantha Hynes provided information on the upcoming well child affinity group. South Dakota will begin participating in a CMS well child affinity group later in October. Through the affinity group we will attend trainings as well as receive technical assistance from CMS to help implement programs that will help improve our quality metrics around well child visits for infants 0-15 months. The American Academy of Pediatrics and Bright Futures recommend nine well-care visits by the time children turn 15 months of age. The affinity group will go until October 2022. The main focus will be initiatives that support families to get infants in for wellness visits and immunizations.

*CHART*

Matthew provided an update on the CHART model. South Dakota Medicaid was one of four entities who were awarded a CHART opportunity grant from CMS. Through the grant Medicaid will

be working on the implementation of capitated payments as well as a health transformation plan for select hospitals in rural communities.

### **Tribal Reports**

Beth Lee from Oyate reported that they are having some conversation about all-inclusive rates instead of using fee for service rate. The guidance from DSS has been to bill fee for service and get paid the all-inclusive rate. They are wondering if we can have more conversation about this process. There is nothing in the manual about charging the usual and customary, they see it in the dental manual but not in the IHS manual. DSS will follow up regarding these concerns and review language currently in the billing and policy manuals.

### **Public Input**

There were no comments made by members present.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- January 25, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- July 26, 2022
- October 25, 2022