

South Dakota Department of Social Services
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting
Tuesday April 26, 2022
1:00 – 3:00 PM CT

Attendees

Sarah Aker, Renae Hericks, Mary Johnle, Stacy Bruels, Matthew Ballard, Ashley Lauing, Samantha Hall, Vickee, Cassie Long, Nickie Bartel, Denette Serr, Alex Arobba, Bonnie Cromwell, Dina, Leslie Wilson, Corinna Boyle, Jacob Parsons, Ramona Simon

Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Aker welcomed the group. Everyone introduced themselves on the call.

Review Minutes and Updates from January 2022 Meeting

Sarah indicated minutes were available online and asked if any questions or concerns, Minutes for the meeting can be found online, [Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website](#)

Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

Quarterly reports of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures can be found online, [Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website](#)

State Plan Amendments

Renae Hericks provided an update on the Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA), a complete list of SPAs can be found on [Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website](#)

Well Child Affinity Group

We are currently working on a well-child affinity group that is designed to generate ideas to help increase well-child visits in children under 15 months across South Dakota with a special emphasis on Native American children. We have been developing ideas and are moving forward with initial implementation starting May 1st. We have established community partnerships with Horizon Healthcare, Indian Health Services and South Dakota Urban Indian Health. This group will continue to run through December 2023.

Community Health Workers

Efforts to increase the community health worker work force have led to several new agencies enrolling. We continue to review and update policies as this program increases in utilization. A few important items to note with CHWs and community health representatives. CHR transportation services are not covered, and billing is fee-for-service, not an encounter or daily rate.

CHART update

CHART CMS innovation center model, DSS is lead organization, exploring with hospitals in Custer, Lawrence, and Brown counties, changes reimbursement methodology for participating hospitals for Medicare and Medicaid payors.

Second focus is transformation plan, primary focus right now. Collaborating with both participating hospitals and advisory council

Public Health Emergency Unwinding Process

PHE and continuous coverage extended by HHS for 90 days on April 12th, will give states 60 days advanced notice prior to ending PHE. Continuous coverage will last through month that PHE ends. Most examples are using July 15th, 2022, ending date. CMS guidance requires states to conduct full renewal on those identified as ineligible during PHE. Renewal dates can be moved up during the unwinding. Unwinding time period requires initiation of renewals within 12 months and complete in 14 months. DSS does have medical advisory committee working to prepare customers for renewals.

Provider Enrollment Delays

Delays currently because of revalidation and system issues, contracted with multiple vendors and staff to increase response time and repurposed staff to assist enrollment team. Not current timeline but working hard to address staffing to work through the back log.

Update on 988-

<https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/grantinfo.aspx>, scroll down to federal grant, select 988 grant.

The 988 feature is set to go live July 16, 2022. This will allow someone in a mental health crisis to just dial 988 and be connected to someone in the State regardless of location.

Difference between 211 and 988: 211 is referral and resource hotline where you can find community resources and referrals to services primary identified need was housing, secondary was food and means, third was mental health services ,988 is for someone experiencing active mental health crisis or suicidal crisis.

Tribal Reports or Public Input

Alex Arobba Great Plains IHS- Interested int hearing about operations to allow for continuity of coverage during the Public Health Emergency unwinding. Sarah Aker indicated that DSS is working to make sure we have adequate staffing and is looking into multiple options at this time.

Bonnie Cromwell SD UIH- New building that has been purchased and is being renovated for the Pierre location, potentially done end of September early October

Ramona Simon IHS- Question Regarding Timely Filing Sarah Aker stated that the timely filing criteria is 6 months. Provider enrollment delays will allow for an override of timely filing.

Upcoming Meetings-

Look for details on location coming to the website soon! [Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website](#)

- July 26, 2022
- October 25, 2022