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

Attendees

Welcome and Introductions
Sarah Aker welcomed the group. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Review Minutes and Updates from April 2022 Meeting
Sarah Aker reviewed minutes and indicated they were available online. Minutes for the meeting can be found online on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures
Quarterly reports of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures can be found online on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

State Plan Amendments
Matthew Ballard provided an update on the Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA). A complete list of SPAs can be found on Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

There were questions asked regarding shared savings and tribal participation. Sarah Aker indicated that previously tribes had evaluated the ability to receive a shared savings payment and determined that it would violate federal kickback laws. Sarah stated that if something has changed regarding this, Medicaid is willing to meet and discuss further.

South Dakota Department of Health - Syphilis Update
Greta Thorpe from South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) provided a presentation on syphilis and the increase in syphilis rates in South Dakota. Information from the presentation is available on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

New Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), Request for Application (RFA)
Greta Thorpe also presented on a new funding opportunity to support strategies that focus on preventing and controlling STIs within high-risk populations and addressing barriers individuals may face in eliminating the spread of STIs. The STI RFA guidance and application is located on the STI webpage on the DOH website https://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/std/. This is a rolling funding opportunity. Applications will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis. Applicants should anticipate 60 days between submission of the application and an award notification via email. For further information or questions contact Bridget Dean at Bridget.Dean@state.sd.us

Inflationary Rate Increases
Matthew Ballard provided information on the rate updates effective July 1, 2022. For those service that can be billed at a fee for service rate, most received an inflationary increase of 6%. Some services were rebased or subject to targeted rate increases. Further information regarding these updates is available in our provider bulletin.

Health Homes Update
Kathi Mueller provided an update on health homes including updating tiers and outcome measure results. Slides from the presentation can be found online.
Questions regarding Health Homes presentation included:

- Can CHW/CHR programs enroll as Health Homes?
  - No, Health Homes require a physician to enroll but CHW/CHR providers can be part of the Health Home care team and work with those patients.
- Can only one provider enroll per facility?
  - We've seen multiple models that provide care and operate successfully including single and multiple provider systems.
- It looks like outcomes measure underperformers all fall under Behavioral Health, is that correct?
  - Yes, we are currently working with the Division of Behavioral Health to improve these outcomes and working to educate providers about the measures.

**National Association of State Health Plans (NASHP) Maternal Health Update**

Ashley Lauing presented on the NASHP Maternal Health grant DSS has received. Slides from the presentation can be found online. Questions regarding Maternal Health Grant included:

- Is DSS looking into a maternal health home model?
  - Yes, we are currently evaluating the model before moving forward.
- Will tribes have input in the planning of maternal health homes?
  - Yes, DSS will consult with tribes during the planning phase if DSS moves forward with the model.

**Dental Fluoride Affinity Group**

Matthew Ballard presented on the dental fluoride affinity group that DSS is participating in. The goal of the dental affinity group is to increase fluoride varnish rates in the primary care setting. Slides from the presentation can be found on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

**Provider Resources**

Ashley Lauing presented on Medicaid provider resources available on DSS’s website. Slides detailing some of the resources available can be found on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

**Division of Behavioral Health Updates**

Sarah Aker presented updates on behalf of the Division of Behavioral Health. She informed attendees about the upcoming Suicide Prevention conference that will occur in August at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. An agenda is included on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website. Sarah also provided a brief update regarding the 988 crisis hotline, which is now live. The number can be used for crisis situations such as emotional distress, suicide, substance use information and support programs. More information on the hotline can be found on the Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website.

**General Questions**

Is there an update on provider enrollment? DSS has been experiencing delays in provider enrollment. DSS has taken a number of steps to help address the delays including hiring additional staff and multiple contractors to assist with the backlog. A new provider enrollment system will be going live in 2023. Providers experiencing delays in billing due to enrollment have 6 months after enrollment is approved to submit claims incurred prior to enrollment approval. An approval letter that states this is sent to the provider upon approval of their application.

Roxanne Two Bulls raised an issue regarding payment for deliveries? Sarah Aker stated she will follow-up with Roxanne to discuss further.

Type 2 NPIs are taking a long time to get, does DSS have a resource for providers to use? DSS does not administer the NPPES website where NPIs are obtained, we will look into finding a resource for providers.
Can an enrolled provider also enroll as a community transport provider? Yes, keep in mind that community transport providers must serve all they are able to serve not just those who are clinical patients.

When will Covid-19 Long-Term ICD 10 codes be updated? New ICD codes and updates should be coming in October of 2022.

Can DSS reconsider coverage of youth Peer to Peer counseling? We will take it under consideration.

Tribal Reports
- Great Plains CHW ready to submit application for CHW Collaborative funding
- Native Women’s Health Center is getting ready to launch sexual assault classes, they were also awarded a grant to cover the salary of a sexual assault advocate as well as funding to provide replacement clothing, cameras, and other supplies.
- Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board Leadership
  - New building will be finished in 2023 in Rapid City
  - Advocates have been presenting on Amendment D across the state

Public Health Unwinding
- PHE extended another 90 days in July, CMS has committed to giving states at least 30 days’ notice. We do not anticipate this ending in September. When PHE does end DSS will reverify eligibility information on entire Medicaid population within 12 months. We can reverify electronically, we will reach out to those who do not revalidation online. If an individual does exceed the income limit, they can reapply if they become eligible again at another time. DSS projecting this process will take about 9 months.

Upcoming Meetings
Look for details on location coming to the website soon. Medicaid Tribal Consultation Website
- October 25, 2022
DSS would like to meet with Tribal Leaders across the state individually, to see all the great things you are doing. Please contact Ashley Lauing for further details at Ashley.Lauing@state.sd.us