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South Dakota Medicaid Tribal Consultation Minutes

Attendees:

Matthew Ballard, Valerie Kelly, Ashley Lauing, Mary Johnle, Ramona Simons, Bobbi Jo Kraft, Randee Red Fox, Arlette Hager, Tiffany Larson, Jonni Arpan, Traci Seaberg, Nico Sheppard, Leslie LeCompte, Nicole White Wolf, Nadine Shaving, Alex Arroba

Welcome and Introductions:

Matthew Ballard, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services (DSS), Medical Services welcomed the group and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Review Minutes from October 2024 Meeting:

Ashley Lauing, Policy Strategy Manager, Division of Medical Services, DSS reviewed the minutes and indicated that minutes for the meeting can be found online on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Quarterly Report of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures

Matthew Ballard provided an overview of the expenditures report. Quarterly reports of Tribal Medicaid Expenditures can be found online on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Tiffany Larson asked about shared savings payments to hospitals based on care coordination. Matthew indicated the SPA with the associated amounts is available on [DSS's website](#). Shared savings SPAs are included in the Tribal consultation process annually.

State Plan Amendments:

Matthew Ballard reviewed SPAs currently in Tribal Consultation along with those currently with CMS. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Jonni Arpan asked about how care management providers (e.g., PCP) qualify for the PMPM payment. Matthew provided an overview of the process. Providers indicate they want to participate in a care management program. Once enrolled in the program, a recipient is provided an opportunity to select a provider. If they do not select a provider, the recipient is assigned to a provider. If they would like to change their care management provider, they can use the online selection tool to change that provider. PMPM payments are made to the provider for recipients attributed to them.

Bobbi Jo Kraft asked about hospital presumptive eligibility including a document embedded in one of the SPA pages. DSS has added these documents to the [Hospital Presumptive Eligibility SPA](#) pages. Hospitals interested in exploring presumptive eligibility can contact Mary Johnle at Mary.Johnle@state.sd.us.

Maternal Health Home Updates:

Valerie Kelly presented on continued updates to the maternal health home or pregnancy program. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Well-Child Affinity Group Updates:

Ashley Lauing provided an update on the Well-Child Affinity Group South Dakota participated in with technical assistance from CMS. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Bobbi Jo Kraft asked about the group sizes for the initiatives. Ashley indicated that group sizes were limited to small groups based on recommendations from CMS.

Coverage Changes/CY24 IHS Rates:

Matthew Ballard reviewed changes in coverages and IHS rates, slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Tribal Reports:

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe reported that they are hiring new staff and submitted a form to CMS to become a Medicare provider. They stated they would like to obtain a shared savings agreement with DSS. They stated they would like to have a meeting with Medicaid to discuss further. Oyate expressed interest in discussing shared savings agreements further. Matthew Ballard indicated DSS is open to discussing this further in a separate meeting as requested.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe inquired about the possibility of having a DSS benefits specialist on-site. Mary Johnle indicated that at this time DSS does not have plans to have staff on site in facilities.

Oglala Sioux Tribe obtained approval to bill for CHW services and requested training on submitting claims in the portal. DSS has [training materials](#) available on its website and will also follow up with technical assistance.

IHS/UIH/Tribal 638 Reports:

Oyate has experienced some issues with eligibility and applications. They will provide the information to Mary Johnle for review. Oyate is also continuing to see growth in several service lines.

Alex Arobba with Great Plains Area indicated that IHS has patient registration training on March 12-14 in-person and virtual for those unable to travel. For more information contact Alex at alexander.arobba@ihs.gov.

Public Input:

None

Next Meetings:

- 04/26/2024 at the Kneip Building Conference Room 3, 700 Governor's Drive, Pierre, SD 57501
- 07/23/2024
- 10/23/2024