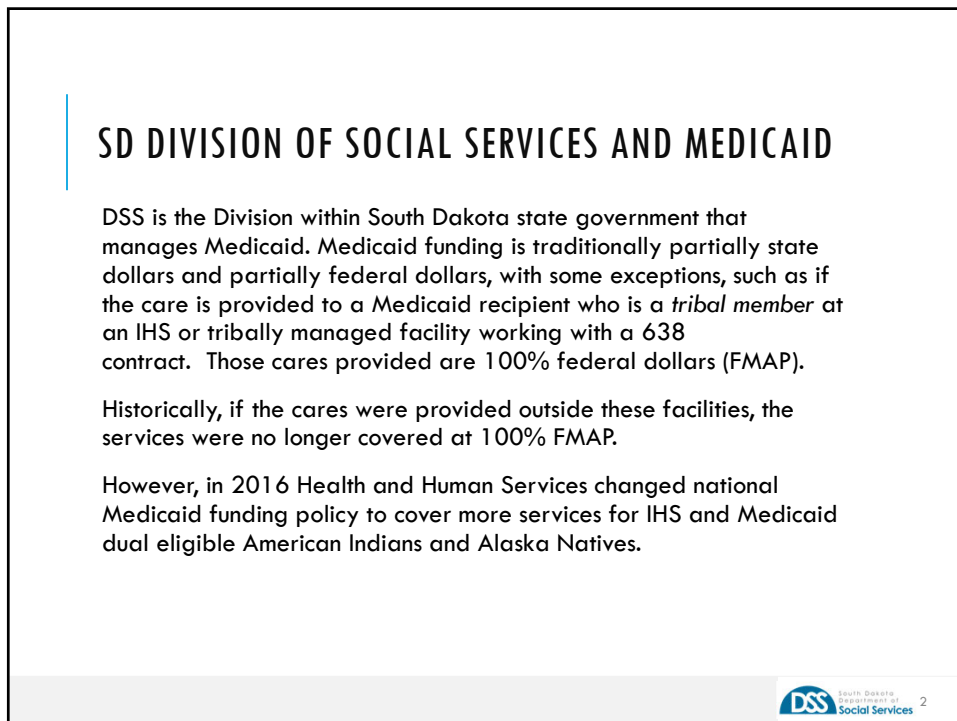


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SD DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND MEDICAID

DSS is the Division within South Dakota state government that manages Medicaid. Medicaid funding is traditionally partially state dollars and partially federal dollars, with some exceptions, such as if the care is provided to a Medicaid recipient who is a *tribal member* at an IHS or tribally managed facility working with a 638 contract. Those cares provided are 100% federal dollars (FMAP).

Historically, if the cares were provided outside these facilities, the services were no longer covered at 100% FMAP.

However, in 2016 Health and Human Services changed national Medicaid funding policy to cover more services for IHS and Medicaid dual eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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UPDATED REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Under the 2016 policy, it was determined that care referred by an IHS/Tribal provider to a provider outside of IHS/Tribal facility could still be reimbursed with 100% federal dollars when certain criteria is met under a care coordination agreement to allow for a wider range of services that can be provided.

Under this policy the State of South Dakota and Great Plains IHS created a partnership through intergovernmental personnel agreements (IPA) to assist with the care coordination duties as well as any additional case management duties that would be of benefit to the IHS facilities.

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IPA NURSES

Three IPA nursing staff and current primary work areas:

- Samantha Hall, RN - Pine Ridge Service Unit and assists Fort Thompson and Fort Yates
- Cassie Long, RN - Rosebud IHS and assists Lower Brule and McLaughlin
- Vickee Anderson, RN - Cheyenne River IHS and assists Sisseton and Wagner

Duties:

- Assist with and manage referrals that are placed under the care coordination agreements including:
 - Placing the outside records into the IHS medical record for ease of follow-up visits, ongoing care and improving health outcomes
 - Assist with any discharge planning needs as needed
- Assist with STI and vaccine tracking efforts at the facilities to aid quality reporting, avoid duplication, and identify gaps
- Other duties as assigned

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IPA NURSE PRACTITIONER

In 2022 an IPA Nurse Practitioner position was established to help fill in the gap to place referrals for IHS and Medicaid eligible American Indians who have not recently been seen or established care at an IHS.

- Leslie Wilson, CNP – Credentialed provider at all 9 Great Plains IHS facilities
- **Duties:**
 - Primary focus is establishing care with NICU babies to ease the transition back to their IHS provider and to reestablish care with patients outside IHS at substance use facilities, psychiatric treatment facilities, and long-term care facilities to either support transition back to their main IHS provider or to keep the patient connected to their home IHS.
 - This position also allows for additional care coordination services such as medical record sharing and discharge planning



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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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