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**South Dakota Medicaid Tribal Consultation Minutes  
January 21, 2025**

**Attendees:**

Ashley Lauing, Matthew Ballard, Cholena (last name unknown), Sara DeCoteau, Kevin Dunn, Ellen Durkin, Renae Hericks, Mary Johnle, Travis Johnson, Heather Krzmarzick, Larry Prairie Chicken, Laura Botkins, Leah Belgarde, Cassie Long, Marissa Figueroa, Kathi Mueller, Nico Sheppard, Kara Peery, Heather Petermann, Sharon Chontos, Theresa Bush, Vanessa Palmier, Vicki Palmreuter, Warren Buck Elk, Lisa Schlosser, Stan (last name unknown), Leslie Wilson

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Heather Petermann, Medicaid Director, Department of Social Services (DSS), Division of Medical Services (DMS) welcomed the group, and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

**Review Minutes from the October 2024 Meeting:**

Ashley Lauing, Policy Strategy Manager, DSS, DMS 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:**

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

**State Plan Amendments (SPA):**

Renae Hericks, Policy Manager, DSS, DMS reviewed SPAs currently in Tribal Consultation along with those currently with CMS. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Nico Sheppard asked if DSS would be able to share the previous documentation that indicated outside facilities could bill a recipient for co-pays if that recipient was referred by an IHS/UIH/Tribal 638 partner. Renae indicated she would locate guidance and send to Nico.

**IHS Encounter Rate:**

Matthew Ballard, Deputy Director, DSS, DMS highlighted the new CY25 IHS encounter rates. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

**Permanent Crowns:**

Matthew Ballard discussed enhancements to permanent crown coverages. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

**Targeted Case Management:**

Ashley Lauing provided an update to the Targeted Case Management coverage that went into effect January 1, 2025 as part of the Juvenile Justice CAA, 2023 Section 5121 coverage. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

**Medicaid Advisory Committee /Beneficiary Advisory Council:**

Ashley Lauing discussed changes to the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and implementation of the new Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) as part of the Access to Care Final Rule passed July, 2024. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Leah Belgarde asked if there will be membership slots dedicated to tribal partners. DSS has not designated specific slots but intends to have tribal representation on both the MAC and BAC.

**Health Home Core Services Guidance:**

Kathi Mueller, Care Coordination Program Manager, DSS, DMS presented updates to the Health Home Core Services based on feedback received by providers. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

**Home Again/DakotaPlex Partnership:**

Ashley Lauing presented the Home Again/DakotaPlex grant partnership. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

**CHOICES Waiver Amendment:**

Kevin Dunn, Department of Human Services, discussed changes to the CHOICES waiver. Public Notice can be found on the [DHS website](#). A copy of the Townhall slide deck can be found [here](#).

**FS360 Waiver Amendments:**

Kevin Dunn discussed changes to the FS360 waiver. Amendments have not been posted yet, but interested parties can sign-up for the [listserv](#) if they would like to receive updates.

**Juvenile Justice Planning Grant:**

Ashley Lauing announced that South Dakota was awarded a [planning grant through CMS](#). The state intends to issue an RFP for Project Management to engage on how to address potential gaps.

**Eligibility Updates and Feedback:**

Vanessa Palmier asked if the 2025 income guidelines are available. Mary Johnle indicated that [HHS](#) did issue those numbers and they would be posted on the DSS website soon.

**Tribal Reports:**

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate: Sara DeCoteau indicated that they are working with the Community Health Worker Collaborative to submit their Medicaid provider agreement for community health worker services and recently had three individuals complete the training. They have a Tribal Health Management grant to conduct an operational assessment of third-party revenue generation. She indicated very few of their relatives who use Tribal Health Program services have Medicaid or any type of health insurance. They are working with Travis at GPTLHB to have the CMS Marketplace navigator training, as well as onsite outreach and enrollment beginning this week.

**IHS/UIH/Tribal 638 Reports:**

Oyate: Nico Sheppard indicated that Oyate is continuing to expand services and now has a chiropractor on site. They are also working on providing hearing aids. Staff indicated some issues with Meade county processing new applications. Laura Botkins pharmacy director at Oyate would like to discuss incident to billing

coverage with Medicaid. Medicaid indicated they would outreach Laura to further discuss and would follow-up with the applications process in Meade county.

CRST: Ellen Durkin stated that they have been some downsizing at Urban Indian.

**Public Input:**

JR LaPlante asked if Oyate could still comment on some of the recent SPAs that are outside of public comment period. Medicaid indicated they would review those comments if submitted.

**Next Meetings:**

- 04/15/2025 – Kneip Building, Conference Room 3, Pierre, SD
- 07/15/2025 – Oyate, Rapid City, SD
- 10/21/2025 -