



**South Dakota Medicaid Tribal Consultation Agenda  
April 21, 2026**

**Attendees:**

Ashley Lauing, Matthew Ballard, Renae Hericks, Mary Johnle, Heather Petermann, Caitlin Clarey, Catherine Jeffries, Cyndi Gillaspie, Sara DeCoteau, Ellen Durkin, Lisa Schlosser, Theresa Bush, Trina Flores, Cholena P., Elise Johnson, Lee Hosman, Erik Lujan, Vicki Palmreuter, Jordyn Gunville-Pourier, Tiffany Larson, Leah Belgarde, Kristar Shouldis, Barbara LeBeau, Nico Sheppard, Marissa Garza, Kim Johnson, Kateri Plume, Vanessa Palmier, Stanley Laroque, Leon Leader Charge, Royal Yellow Hawk

**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 January 2026 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.

**Traditional American Indian Health Services Update:**

Matthew Ballard, Deputy Director, DSS, DMS asked for any updates from the group regarding these services including approaches to budget neutrality and health outcome hypotheses in follow-up to discussion at the last meeting.

Comments and Discussion:

- Dr. Jordyn Gunville-Pourier: Johns Hopkins is having discussions with Oregon regarding establishing an 1115. Johns Hopkins indicated they were volunteering to help set up a workgroup. They are Seeking individuals to help serve on this workgroup. Leah Belgarde and Dr. Gunville-Pourier indicated they would connect to working on establishing the workgroup.

**HOPE Waiver Renewal:**

Caitlin Clarey, Department of Human Services, provided an overview on the HOPE waiver renewal. Public notice closes April 24, 2026. Comments can be submitted via email at [HCBS@state.sd.us](mailto:HCBS@state.sd.us), by phone at [605-773-3656](tel:605-773-3656), or by mail to:

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LTSS Division  
Hillsview Plaza  
3800 East Highway 34  
Pierre, SD 57501

**State Plan Amendments (SPAs):**

Renae Hericks, Policy Manager, DSS, DMS reviewed current SPAs. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

Comments and Discussion:

- How will the PACT incentive payment work with the all-inclusive rate?
  - These are separate from the all-inclusive rate payments and do not require additional billing.
- Can you provide clarification on the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)/ Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Alternate Payment Methodology (APM) SPA impact to Urban Indian Health?

- Urban Indian is eligible for the APM.
- Could you summarize where the savings for the care coordination agreement "received through funds" go or where to find the report on the website? Is there information on what the funds are used for?
  - Savings were reinvested into service line expansions including the addition of CHW services and coverage of substance use disorder services for adults.

### **Rural Health Transformation (RHT):**

Matthew Ballard gave an update on the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and their status across RHT. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

### **HB 1006:**

Heather Petermann provided a brief background and information on House Bill 1006 regarding an Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE). Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

### Comments and Discussion

- Centene has experience in helping stand up an IMCE and is offering their assistance.
- Who is creating the task force?
  - The executive committee of the Legislative Research Council.
- How will they pick the task for?
  - Other than what was outlined in legislation, DSS does not have additional information regarding how the Legislative Research Council will select individuals.

### **Juvenile Justice Targeted Case Management:**

Ashley Lauing discussed an update on the Juvenile Justice Targeted Case Management coverage. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

### **Eligibility Updates and HR1 Feedback:**

Mary Johnle, DSS, Division of Economic Assistance shared information on HR1 changes and activities that DSS is taking to implement. Slides can be found on the Medicaid [Tribal Consultation Website](#).

### Comments and Discussion

- How will you identify American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations?
  - Attestation on the application (self-declaration) and claims from IHS providers.
- Do they need to provide any other documentation if they indicate they are AI/AN?
  - No other information will be required.
- The online application in the portal doesn't currently change language, can that be updated?
  - DSS will look into that.

### **Tribal/IHS/UIH/Tribal 638**

- Great Plains Tribal Health services and staff continue to grow, dental department doing well including a pediatric dentist. Primary care is expanding still as well.
- Cheyenne River is still looking for CEO, dental program looking to expand. Outreach clinics seem to be doing well. Behavioral Health has expanded providers as well.
- SWO is implementing new EHR across multiple providers. They are starting to bill for CHW services and looking into targeted case management and doulas.
- Urban Indian Health is working on multiple RHT proposals.

### 2026 Meetings

- 07/21/2026 – TBD
- 10/20/2026