



01.03.24 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Attendee Code- **7300221**

Present: Jacob Kawamoto, Jeshena Gold, Londa Krull, Nancy Mackey (Santee), Becky Crase (Ponca), Michelle (Ponca), Leslie Horwart (Molina), Angi Tran (Molina), Kiernan Scott (Molina), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), Stacey Steiner (CMS)

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - o None
- Waiver Authority
 - o None

Additional Items

- Resources:
 - o 2024 IHS/Tribal Encounter Rate – published in the Federal Register on 12/19/23
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/12/19/2023-27815/reimbursement-rates-for-calendar-year-2024>
 - **QUESTION:** Where are each of the MCOs at with updating these 2024 rates in their systems?
 - o **ANSWER:** 2024 rates are being updated.
 - **QUESTION:** Should the Tribes start billing for encounters at the new rate (\$719), or wait until the rates are updated in the MCO systems?
 - o **ANSWER** (from all 3 MCOs): Yes, the Tribes should bill for 2024 encounters at \$719.
 - **QUESTION:** Are systems set up for the MCO pharmacies to reimburse at the 2024 encounter rate?
 - **ANSWER:**
 - o NTC – Yes
 - o Molina – Yes, their pharmacy team has the new rate and should be ready.
 - o UHC – Unsure but will check and follow up.

- The Medicaid IHS and Tribal 638 Guidance Document has been posted to the DHHS webpage:
 - [https://dhhs.ne.gov/Guidance%20Docs/Indian%20Health%20Services%20\(IHS\)%20and%20OTribal%20638%20Provider%20Bulletin.pdf](https://dhhs.ne.gov/Guidance%20Docs/Indian%20Health%20Services%20(IHS)%20and%20OTribal%20638%20Provider%20Bulletin.pdf)
 - This link is also available on the Tribal Health webpage under ‘Tribal Health Resources’: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Tribal-Health.aspx>
- Provider Bulletin: Guidance on Telehealth after December 31, 2023: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Medicaid%20Provider%20Bulletins/Provider%20Bulletin%202023-38.pdf>
 - This includes a list of services that will not be covered via telehealth after 12/31/23, a list of services that will be covered via telehealth ongoingly, and a list of services that will be covered via telehealth beginning 1/1/24. It also includes billing instructions.
- Vendor Data Security Incident
 - MLTC is working internally, with MCNA, and with the HIPAA Office to create a flier for Tribal providers to help spread awareness around the data breach and resources that are available to affected members.
- Medicare Crossover Claims – Update
- PHE Data Sharing Agreements
 - MLTC has received a point of contact for each of the Tribes, and these have been forwarded to the MLTC Legal team who is drafting the Data Sharing Agreement. Once drafted, this will be sent out to the Tribes for review and feedback/approval.
 - UPDATE: The Data & Analytics Team has finished their report that would provide the relevant information for the remainder of the Unwinding Period/2024. The MLTC Legal team is currently completing their review of the legal documents for the Data Sharing Agreements.
- NEMT
 - At the August 2022 Quarterly Consultation meeting, it was agreed that the MCOs and Tribes would discuss how to improve access to transportation services for Tribal beneficiaries.
 - Jacob spoke with the PSC, brought more information to the November 2023 Tribal Consultation, and sent a follow up email to each of the Tribes. The Tribes should submit an exemption request to the PSC. If granted the exception, the Tribe will then need to enroll with Maximus as a PSC-exempt NEMT provider and can then provide the approval from the PSC to Maximus to complete this enrollment.
 - PSC contact: PSC.motorfilings@nebraska.gov
- Upcoming 2024 Calendar Events – MLTC would like to attend any events and Health Fairs that the Tribe is hosting.
 - Jacob would also like to visit each of the Tribal Health Facilities and their teams to learn more about their operations and how Medicaid can support them. Jacob will be reaching out to set up times to visit.
- **QUESTION:** How should the Tribes bill for dental services now that there is not a \$750 cap for individual services?
 - **ANSWER:** The Tribes should bill for dental services like normal, as an encounter, so long as they are provided within the scope of an encounter (Medicaid-covered services provided by a dentist at the clinic).
- **QUESTION:** How should the Tribes bill when FFS rates are higher than the IHS AIR?
 - **ANSWER:** MLTC is still working internally to answer this question and will keep the Tribes and MCOs informed.