



03.06.24 - NE Tribal/Medicaid Monthly Call Agenda

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Attendee Code- **7300221**

Present: Jacob Kawamoto (MLTC), Jackie Orth (MLTC), Jeshena Gold (MLTC), Jessie Edwards (MLTC), Becky Crase (Ponca), Ricky Fletcher (Ponca), Michelle Runyan (Ponca), Tashina Provost (Omaha), Crystal Appleton (Omaha), Donna Morse (Omaha), Gidget Wingad (Omaha), Lisa Miller (Omaha), Vietta Swalley (Santee), Nancy Mackey (Santee), Kara Urkoski (UHC), Cynthia Goslin (UHC), Kiernan Scott (Molina), Jeanine Fitzpatrick (Molina), Bethany Stech (Molina), Tuesday Kuhlman (NTC), Healthy Blue Nebraska, Nathaniel Primo

SPA/Waiver Updates

- SPA
 - o None
- Waiver Authority
 - o None

Additional Items

- Dental Billing Guidance
 - o MLTC is coordinating with the MCOs and finalizing guidance for dental prior authorizations and billing requirements. Detailed written guidance will be included with the February 2024 quarterly Medicaid Tribal Consultation meeting minutes.
 - **QUESTION:** Prior authorization is required for services such as crowns, perio-scaling, etc. MLTC noted that they/the MCOs will not be allowing for post-authorizations – but what about services requiring prior authorization that have already been provided since 01/01/24?
 - **ANSWER:** Recent guidance from MLTC addresses expectations for dental services previously provided between **January 1, 2024** and **April 19, 2024** which require authorization prior to payment. The MCOs will be accepting retroactive authorization requests for services provided between **January 1, 2024** and **April 19, 2024**, until **May 20, 2024**. All services provided after **April 19, 2024 (today)** that require prior authorization must be authorized prior to services being rendered (see the [Tribal Dental Billing 2024 Provider FAQ](#)).
 - One of the Tribes noted that they needed a PIN from Molina to get their dental hub set up. Molina noted that they would respond to help get that set up.
- Medicare Crossover Claims – Update

- Jacob to reach out and set up a meeting with CMS, MLTC, and Omaha to discuss resolution for any outstanding past crossover claims.
- Santee is working to provide the EOBs for the crossover claims from 2018 and 2019 that didn't 'crossover' to the state or MCOs. MLTC will then reimburse for those outstanding claims.
- 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 has drafted the Data Sharing Agreement.
 - UPDATE: the Medicaid Policy team has continued to work through the operational considerations involved in establishing, running, and sending out a report of this scope. The MLTC/DHHS Legal teams are reviewing and finalizing the draft Data Sharing Agreements. The Data & Analytics Team have established data reports that would provide the relevant information.
- 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
- **QUESTION:** When is the May Tribal Consultation meeting scheduled for?
 - **ANSWER:** Thursday, May 16th from 11am – 4pm at the Santee Health & Wellness Center.
 - Santee is planning to provide lunch for those in attendance. As such, **those planning to attend the meeting should RSVP** to the meeting invite, or to Vietta Swalley (vieta.swally@ihs.gov) or Jacob Kawamoto (Jacob.kawamoto@nebraska.gov).
 - Anyone who would like to stay overnight in Santee at the Ohiya Casino should also reach out to Vietta so she can coordinate accordingly.
 - Those wishing to attend the
- The Santee Memorial walk is coming up.
 - Vietta will send information about this to Jacob to send out to the group.
- The group discussed issues with Tribal providers being listed in the MCOs' primary care provider directories. The Tribes have had individuals come for treatment that are not Tribal beneficiaries.
 - MLTC will work with the MCOs to ensure all directories are up to date, and Tribal providers are not listed on them.
- Reminder about Licensing Requirements for Tribal Providers
 - Per federal regulations, providers practicing at IHS/Tribal facility do not need to be licensed in Nebraska as long as they are licensed in another state. See Nebraska Medicaid's regulations at [471 NAC 11-002.02](#) or the recently published [IHS and Tribal 638 Provider Bulletin](#) for the relevant Medicaid policies which reflect those federal licensure provisions for IHS/Tribal providers.
- **QUESTION:** Santee hasn't heard back from Molina and doesn't have access to the Availity portal.

- **ANSWER:** Molina's provider relations team is working with IT on this and received information that they will forward on to Santee.
 - Omaha also noted that they got set up in the dental hub, but need access to the Availity portal.
 - Ponca noted that they need access to the Molina dental hub. They were not sure if they were set up in the Availity portal.
- Ricky (Ponca) – shout out to Envolve who has been doing a great job getting the Tribe set up and ready to go in their system.