



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) (draft)

Minutes for June 26, 2023

Time: Start 1:05 pm **End:** 3:24 pm **Place:** Virtual meeting

Chair: Shelly Begay, Human Services Department (HSD) Native American Liaison

Committee Members Call In: Lorelei Kellogg, Acting Medicaid Director Medical Assistance Division (MAD); MAD Deputy Director; Shelly Begay, Tribal Liaison OOS; Theresa Belanger MAD Tribal Liaison; Colinda Vallo BHSD Tribal Liaison; Alanna Dancis, Medical Director MAD; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Lena Gachupin, Iris Reano, Charlie Verploegh and Anthony Yepa, Kewa Pueblo; Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache; Valyn Candelaria, San Felipe Pueblo; April Ruben, Laguna Pueblo; Lonna Valdez, Jicarilla Apache Tribe; Tracy Sanchez, AAIHS; Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo

Guest speakers: Anabel Mendoza and Rosina Espinoza – SNAP Employment and Training

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	Theresa Belanger asked for a moment of silence since there were no volunteers to give the invocation. Introductions were made.	Completed	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of March 20, 2023 minutes	Motion to approve minutes; minutes approved with one change. Prior to each NATAC, committee members are welcome to assist with developing the agenda. Theresa will send out an invite a few weeks before the next NATAC for participation on agenda.	Completed	All	Completed; next NATAC agenda developed by Committee

<p>III. Billable Services for Tribes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNAP/FDIPR Employment and Training Program 			
<p>The goal of the SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program is to provide training and skill development to recipients, gain work experience and assist with obtaining employment for the entire family. This is done through collaboration and partnerships with agencies or contractors. SNAP E&T is working on contracting with three providers by October 1, 2023. They are focusing on E&T enrollees in rural areas. This is a voluntary program for SNAP enrollees between the ages of 16-59. It involves a 6 week course. Everything is done virtually. Tribal recipients can receive 75% reimbursement instead of the standard 50%. (Federal funds can't be used for reimbursements.) They can reimburse for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation fees • Case management of staff • Job Development • Funding for support services • Transportation/mileage • Child care • Books/tools • Licensing fees • Haircuts, clothes, uniforms, cell phone <p>There is a \$1200/year cap on reimbursement. If interested, please contact Anabel Mendoza at anabel.mendoza@hsd.nm.gov. SNAP E&T reaches out within 24 hours.</p> <p>The question was asked "If a Tribe is running their own program, is this something the state could partner with?"</p> <p>The answer was "yes". The Tribe can be reimbursed at 75% and each individual can be reimbursed up to \$1200 annually.</p>			
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<p>IV. CHR Billing</p>	<p>Alanna Dancis updated committee on the CHR billing. A Tribal Notification went out June 23rd and there will be a 30 day comment period for this State Plan Amendment (SPA). Once comment period ends, the SPA will go to CMS for approval.</p> <p>Can be used by CHR and CHWs. We are using 3 CPT codes. They come in units of 30 minutes. The certification is required. You can get it through the Department of Health. CHRs are already grandfathered into this program.</p> <p>2 provider types: Individual and Group</p> <p>This is a preventative health benefit. We are requesting from CMS that physician orders not be required. There would be standing orders by the chief medical officer. The scope of work would be similar to that of the Community Health Workers. Transportation and personal care would not be covered.</p> <p>We are going to look at reducing the acuity of care for individuals through this benefit.</p> <p>The reimbursement is \$30 for half an hour. If it is a group visit, it would be \$10 per member for that group visit. Ten units per CHR can be billed per day. Per member there is a cap of 8 hours per member per month. Any work done by CHRs after July 1st can be billed for once CMS approves the SPA. Save your time and bill it later. We are working closely with the Office of Community Health Worker (OCHW) and CHW- Initiatives (at UNM).</p> <p>There will be a requirement for the CHR to be enrolled as a provider in Medicaid. They don't have to have their own NPI; they could use the clinic NPI.</p> <p>Ezra Bayles asked that the MAD 335 be a multi service application and rather than having to do a 335 for each service.</p> <p>Another question was asked "When will the state let the Tribes know they can start billing for this?" The response was that "once we have final federal authorization, we will provide a supplement to all interested parties explaining the process."</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>The question was asked if a Public Health Nurse (PHN) could bill for CHR services? Is a CHR/CHW certification required by a PHN? Alanna will look into that with DOH.</p>	<p>Alanna Dancis</p>	<p>Future NATAC meeting</p>

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V. Medicaid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1115 Waiver • Medicaid Unwinding 	<p>Medicaid Unwinding – We started this unwinding process in April 2023. We have now been working on this for a couple of months. This is a massive undertaking. ISD is responsible for recertifying the Medicaid applications; there have been some delays due to the heavy workload and short staffing. We are hiring additional staff and offering overtime to current staff. We are training contract staff to come on board.</p> <p>Please do not resubmit another application if one is already at ISD waiting to be processed. Apply once you receive your turquoise envelope. Coverage will not be terminated, if the individual has submitted their renewal packet and is waiting for the case to be reviewed by ISD. ISD sends out a notice to the applicant verifying ISD received their renewal. If they don't renew it at all, then their case will be closed. The Consolidated Customer Service Call Center number is 800-283-4454. Unwinding will end March 2024.</p> <p>There have been about 60,000 roll off Medicaid statewide due to not completing their Medicaid renewal.</p> <p>1115 Waiver – We submitted the 1115 Waiver Renewal at the end of December 2022 to CMS. This application included new authorities under the 1115 Waiver. CMS has one year to review the application. There are some delays on the CMS side so there may be some delays to start the new programs that the waiver application proposed. We may not be able to start new programs January 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>The question was asked of Lorelei if there is going to be an expiration date on the Web Portal if someone renewed timely and it is still pending. There won't be an end date in the portal as long as the case is open and waiting for review by ISD.</p>	<p>Lorelei Kellogg, Acting Medicaid Director</p>	<p>Next NATAC</p>
V. Kevin S.	<p>The Kevin S. Settlement is between HSD and CYFD. Councilman Phillip Perez, CYFD, was called away so he could not be at today's meeting.</p> <p>App C discussion</p>		<p>Shelly Begay</p>	<p>Next NATAC</p>
VII. Updates	<p>July 19, 2023 Listening Session for SNAP-Ed to learn about nutrition, education and obesity prevention activities</p> <p>Next week is the annual State-Tribal Leaders Summit in Mescalero July 5 & 6</p> <p>Tribal Notification 22-19 SNAP ED Plan sent out May 17, 2023 for comment</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Shelly Begay Colinda Vallo</p>	<p>Next NATAC</p>

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	3 Announcements from BHSD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on 988 June 29th by SBS Evaluation and Program Development • Tribal Community Mobile Crisis Team RFA - \$1.6 million in funding. The application deadline is August 15, 2023. The contract execution date is October 16, 2023 • Mobile Rate Response meeting June 27 and 29, 2023 – meeting will discuss reimbursement. Reach out to Colinda Vallo for details. 			
IX. Comments/questions	Theresa will be sending an email one month before next NATAC to develop agenda with committee members. Virtual meeting cadence for NATAC for 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 18 1-4 • December 18 1-4 Meeting ended 3:24 pm	Completed	Theresa Belanger MAD	Next NATAC

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger September 15, 2023