

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Tribal Consultation Action Items

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Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

- Discussion on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services proposed funding changes for American Indian and Alaska Native individuals.
 - Shannon Sprout presented information on CMS White Paper and a summary of public comments to CMS. Opened for discussion on benefits and concerns from the Tribes.
 - Tribal Governments indicated while there are benefits in improving access to care and adding Purchase and Referred Contracts there are concerns regarding implementation and the overall impact on administrative burdens. Tribal Governments will review the White Paper and comments more closely and revisit discussions as more information becomes available.
 - The Tribal Governments addressed continued concerns with access to care and long wait times for specialty services. DHCPF discussed the initiatives that are occurring to address this concern: Access to care study; rate increases; new transportation vendor; Town Hall on MCO expansion; streamline prior authorization process; and provider enrollment revamp.

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)

- Update provided on the number of applications pending, processing time frames, and call center.
 - Tribal Governments requested information on the percentage of growth in the Medicaid population. DWSS will follow up with the link to the reports on the website. The link was provided and the reports can be found under Caseload Data by going to <http://dwss.nv.gov>
 - Tribal Governments have concerns regarding the submittal of applications. It is the understanding that an application or re-application can be submitted at any office. Recently the applicants are being turned away if the applicant does not live in the location associated with the appropriate DWSS office. Sheri clarified an application can be submitted to any location, she will educate the local offices.

Silver State Health Exchange (SSHIX)

- Preliminary data on open enrollment reflects approximately 70,000 enrolled. This number is expected to increase before the end of January 2016.

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- SSHIX will be increasing their focus on outreach efforts with the Tribal Governments. SSHIX will be looking for input from the Tribal Governments on dates and times to evaluate SSHIX Tribal Consultation.
- The Tribal Governments encourage SSHIX to move forward with regularly scheduled Tribal Consultations.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- DHHS – Reminder that the DHHS State Tribal Consultation is held in the afternoon session and will be bringing information to the Tribal Governments on the Division of Child and Family Services, Aging and Disabilities Services Division, and Division of Public and Behavior Health.