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Nebraska Medicaid Job Skills Program Referrals Quarter 4 - 2021

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Clerk of the Legislature Legislative Fiscal Office P.O. Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk of the Legislature:

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-997, Nebraska Medicaid submits this report on the status of referrals to job skills programs for interested individuals who apply for Medicaid coverage.

Medicaid staff provide Medicaid applicants with information on the SNAP Employment and Training program, a job skills program DHHS offers. These efforts are detailed in the attached report.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medicaid program at Kevin.Bagley@Nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bagley, Director

Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Department of Health and Human Services

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, provides the following update regarding the statutory requirements in Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-997 surrounding the referral of Medicaid applicants to job skills program for the fourth calendar quarter of 2021:

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) continued collaborating with the Division of Children and Family Services in the fourth quarter of 2021 to provide Medicaid applicants with information on the SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) program. The purpose of the SNAP E&T program is to "get under-employed and unemployed clients on SNAP into jobs that pay a livable wage." More information on the SNAP E&T program is available on the DHHS Website.

MLTC continued providing information on the SNAP E&T program to individuals seeking Medicaid applications, as many people who are eligible for Medicaid are also eligible for SNAP benefits. Between October 1 and December 31, 2021, Medicaid field staff provided information on the SNAP E&T program to 1,775 individuals who visited DHHS's local offices across the state, an increase of 21 percent compared to last quarter's report. These individuals received Medicaid applications from the local offices that included flyers (Spanish version) on the SNAP E&T program. DHHS also noted 3,928 visits to the SNAP E&T webpage from October 1 to December 31, 2021, a decrease in traffic of 9 percent compared to last quarter's report.

From October 1 to December 31, the SNAP E&T program received one referral from the Medicaid program of Medicaid applicants interested in participating in the SNAP E&T program. As of the end of December, this individual had not begun participating in the SNAP E&T program.

MLTC continues to seek additional ways to refer interested Medicaid applicants to job skills programs.