Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care

Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
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Clerk of the Legislature
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Dear Clerk of the Legislature and Legislative Fiscal Office:


If you have any questions, please contact Nate Watson, JD and Cert Legis Prac, Deputy Director for Policy and Regulations, at nate.watson@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 2
Medicaid Expansion Programs 249 (Administration) & 349 (Aid)

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC), provides the following update regarding Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of November 2019.

MLTC held the last two of the four public hearings on its application for a Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver for Medicaid expansion. Public hearings were held in Norfolk on November 7 and in Omaha on November 12. The public comment period and tribal comment period ended on November 26. Following the end of the comment periods, MLTC began reviewing feedback received and preparing to submit the application.

MLTC is continuing to hire Heritage Health Adult (HHA) positions. Approximately 15 new Social Service Workers (SSWs) who are trained are currently assisting with eligibility determinations for current Medicaid eligibility groups.

MLTC has finalized its schedules for the capitation rate development and 1915(b) waiver renewal projects. MLTC, our contracted actuary, and the managed care entities will each have roles in developing capitation rates, which is targeted for completion in April 2020. MLTC’s current 1915(b) waiver authority expires on June 30, 2020; its renewal will include adding the new adult expansion populations into managed care.

Discussions continue and are ongoing with our federal and Nebraska partners. Implementation remains on track for October 1, 2020.

For the latest project schedule, please refer to the attached timeline.