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Nebraska Medicaid Job Skills Program Referrals
Quarter 2 - 2021

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

July 30, 2021

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.

April - June 2021 was the first full calendar quarter through which Medicaid staff provided Medicaid applicants with information on the SNAP Employment and Training program, a job skills program DHHS offers. These efforts are detailed in this quarter's report.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Bagley".

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 second 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 second 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 provided 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 April 1 and June 30, 2021, Medicaid field staff provided information on the SNAP E&T program to 984 individuals who visited DHHS’s local offices across the state, an increase of 16 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 4,053 visits to the SNAP E&T webpage from April 1 and June 30, 2021, an increase in traffic of 58 percent compared to last quarter’s report.

From April 1 to June 30, the SNAP E&T program received eight referrals from the Medicaid program of Medicaid applicants interested in participating in the SNAP E&T program. As of the end of June, these individuals 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. The Division anticipates it will be able to improve on the data included in this submission in future reports to the Legislature.