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RE: Heritage Health Behavioral Health Integration
Advisory Committee

Heritage Health Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Committee Update

NPA is currently participating with the Heritage Health Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Committee. Heritage Health (HH) is a new health care delivery system that combines Nebraska's current physical health, behavioral health, and pharmacy programs into a single comprehensive and coordinated system for Nebraska's Medicaid and CHIP clients. Beginning January 1, 2017, HH will provide Medicaid clients the opportunity to choose a health plan with an integrated package of health services and benefits, and Magellan will no longer be managing mental health services after 2016. Psychologists interested in learning more about the transition from Magellan to the HH Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) may consider subscribing to the HH website- http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_medcontracts.aspx

To pursue enrollment in any of the MCOs, providers must be enrolled as Medicaid providers through Maximus, as has been the case historically. Subsequently, providers can contact any or all of the 3 MCOs to consider contracting agreements:

- Nebraska Total Care/Centene networkmanagement@nebraskatotalcare.com
Tele: 855-688-6589
- United Health Care Community Plan neherhlth@optum.com
Tele: 877-614-0484
- Wellcare of Nebraska networkexpansion@wellcare.com
Tele: 855-599-3814

If interested in pursuing any of the contracts, psychologists must complete separate contracts with each of the MCOs. All of the MCOs reportedly participate with CAQH which helps ease some of the administrative burden. Note that our current understanding is that the MCOs are not obligated to follow the Nebraska Medicaid fee schedule. See HH common provider questions at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Documents/NEW%20Heritage%20Health%20FAQ%20-%20Providers.pdf>

The most recent HH advisory meeting on 09.06.2016 involved review of some of the Service Definitions which HH staff indicated they aspire to make reasonably consistent across MCOs. Refer to detailed descriptions of the proposed service definitions (e.g., Annual Supervision by LI or Psychologist 09.06.16 through Smoking Cessation 09.06.16). Watch the site for future additions of service definitions, as any changes will likely occur by December of 2016. <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/medHHBHIntegrationAdvisory.aspx>

Please consider reviewing these proposed service definitions and providing written feedback via email regarding your questions and proposed changes. Email written comments regarding the proposed service definitions to: dhhs.medicaidmhsu@nebraska.gov

Your input matters!