

Nebraska Medicaid Reform Strategy Implementation Summary

Last update: 10/10/07

Complete	Number	Strategy Title	Work Group	Product	Actual/Projected Completion Date	Implemented Changes/ Work in Progress
	1.1b1	Study defined contribution	R	A set of recommendations for restructure of the defined benefit arrangement or against it. Implementation requirements if defined contribution is recommended	September 30, 2008	Preliminary fact-finding info reviewed; developing RFP for in-depth study of options
	1.3a1	Partial month eligibility (90 day retro period)	E	Report on recommendations and/or State Plan Amendment	October 31, 2007	Delayed until new MMIS system
	1.4a1	Limits on covered services	P	Regulations to limit covered services and process for continued review	December 31, 2008	Researching limits in other states and in private insurance
	1.5a1	State program for SCHIP	J	Recommendations for DHHS from report on options for CHIP program	December 1, 2007	Draft report to Medicaid Reform Council Oct 1
	1.5b1	Parental buy-in to special programs	C	State Plan Amendment and regulations	July, 2008	Recommendation developed
	2.0b1	Require prior authorization of new brand-name drugs	A	Contract amendment for review of new drugs by DUR	October 31, 2007	Contract in place; report on effectiveness and savings being prepared
	2.0c1	Study the advantage of a Preferred Drug List (PDL) and pooled purchasing	F	Report on appropriateness of purchasing practices and draft of project work plan to implement recommendations	October 31, 2007	Report in draft status
	3.0b1,b2,c1	Needs assessment tools for continuum of long-term care services	B	Appropriate assessment tool for determining the appropriateness of persons for nursing facility, assisted living and in-home services	December 31, 2008	Coordinating with Money Follows the Person planning; working on in-home tool
	3.0c2	Rate setting methodology for all long-term care services	I	Implementation of rate-setting methodology	July 1, 2010	Planning in place for RFP to study methodologies
	3.0c1	Inform adults of alternatives to Nursing Facility care	T	Effective products and practices that will be incorporated into DHHS on-going policies and practices	December 31, 2007	Finalizing information on services for the Nebraska Long Term Care Planning website
	3.1a1,a2	Identify available, cost-effective technology for distance care	U	Report on available, cost effective technology for distance care and its application for Nebraska Medicaid	October 1, 2008	Exploring initial in-home monitoring possibilities
	4.0a1,a2,b1	Enhanced care coordination	Y	Enhanced care coordination for recipients with multiple medical conditions operational	July, 2008	Researching viable options
	4.1a1,a2	Establish home visitation program for high risk pregnant teens	Z	Intensive home visitation services covered for high-risk pregnant teens	July 1, 2008 effective	Researched existing home visitation services and met with stakeholders
	5.0b1	Public information on health care system	K	1) Client benefit booklet focusing on how to be a good health care consumer and covered benefits of the Medicaid program 2) Client video	March 1, 2008	Client booklet finished and online; video on hold
	5.0c1	Public information on planning for LTC	M	Statewide public awareness campaign, sustainable into the future, print and electronic media materials, mass mailing, and a consumer website	December 31, 2007	Preparing to launch final campaign in November; permanent outreach established via Nebraska Long Term Care website
	5.0c2	LTC partnership	V	State Plan Amendment and compliance with federal requirements regarding policies and data collection	December 31, 2007	Preparing regulations for promulgation
	5.1a1,a2	Cash and counseling pilot program	Q	Implementation of cash and counseling pilot program	December 31, 2008	In process of researching other states and options
	7.0a1,a2	Leveraging federal funds	X	Establishment of continuous review process to maximize federal fund claim as allowed by law and regulation	December 31, 2008	Implemented new time reporting process for Medicaid & Long Term Care Division
√	1.2a1, a2	Study residency standards	O	Reports/recommendations prepared on citizenship documentation and serving non-Nebraska residents	September, 2006	COMPLETED - Final Report on file Estimated savings: No direct Medicaid savings

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√	2.0a1,a2,a3	Implement pharmacy educational program on behavioral health drugs	D	Ongoing process implemented for prescriber communication	October 5, 2007	COMPLETED - Final Report on file Estimated savings: TBD
√	3.0a1	Expand capacity of Aging & Disability waiver incrementally	H	Federal approval of expanded waiver capacity	January 31, 2007	COMPLETED - Final Report on file Estimated savings: TBD
√	3.0d1	Establish advisory committee to encourage HCBS service development	S	Establishment of Advisory Committee	March 1, 2007	COMPLETED - Final Report on file Estimated savings: TBD
√	5.0b2	Educational materials on prevalent public health conditions	L	Culturally competent materials on prevention of dental caries, Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) and importance of prenatal care	August 16, 2007	COMPLETED - List of materials provided on file Estimated savings: No direct Medicaid savings
√	6.1a1	Advisory committee on affordable insurance	N	Recommendations report	March 1, 2007	COMPLETED - Final Report distributed to HHS Committee and Advisory Council Estimated savings: No direct Medicaid savings
√	6.2a1	Promote establishment of FQHCs	W	Establishment of technical assistance committee to promote the establishment of community health centers and satellite operations.	June 30, 2007	COMPLETED - Final Report on file Estimated savings: No direct Medicaid savings
√	6.3a1	Identify entities potentially eligible for 340B status	G	All eligible providers contacted	November 30, 2006	COMPLETED - Final report on file Estimated savings: No direct Medicaid savings

