# **Provider Bulletin 21-18**



**To:** All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program

From: Kevin Bagley, Director Magust 12, 2021

Re: Heritage Health Adult (HHA) Benefit Changes & Educational Webinars

Medicaid Expansion, also known as Heritage Health Adult (HHA), expands Medicaid to lower income adults (age 19 to 64) who earn up to 138% of the federal poverty level. Adults currently enrolled in HHA receive either the Basic or Prime benefits package. The Basic benefits package covers all Medicaid services with the exception of dental, vision, and over-the-counter medications. Adults who are Medically Frail, pregnant, or ages 19-20 receive the Prime benefits package, which covers all Medicaid services including dental, vision, and over-the-counter medications.

Starting October 1, 2021, HHA will move from a two-tier benefit system to a single benefit package. This change means that all adults enrolled in HHA will receive full state plan coverage, which includes comprehensive physical and behavioral healthcare as well as vision, dental, and over-the-counter drug coverage.

Providers are reminded to check patient eligibility prior to rendering services.

Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) will be hosting one-hour educational webinars for providers on the implementation of these changes to the Medicaid Expansion program. Providers may choose from the following five webinar options. Each session will cover the same information, so please choose the one that is most convenient for you. MLTC will also record and post the session to the Medicaid Expansion web site.

### August 25 - 10-11am

Join Webex Meeting

https://nvcn-cio.webex.com/nvcn-cio/j.php?MTID=m20a16833ae4acb9cfda1e1248f923a47

Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 US Toll Meeting number (access code): 145 939 9527

#### August 31 – 2-3pm

Join Webex Meeting

https://nvcn-cio.webex.com/nvcn-cio/j.php?MTID=m1fc81f2176163228b3c864e87a43c1d5

Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 US Toll Meeting number (access code): 145 612 9606

## September 2 – 11-Noon

Join Webex Meeting

https://nvcn-cio.webex.com/nvcn-cio/j.php?MTID=m7af6ca198ed739234d42520801810e92

Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 US Toll Meeting number (access code): 145 319 5328

### September 8 – 11-Noon

Join Webex Meeting

https://nvcn-cio.webex.com/nvcn-cio/j.php?MTID=mc0ac3ee8307dfd164ede7e75a82caa87 Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 US Toll Meeting number (access code): 145 305 7086

# <u>September 15 – 10-11am</u>

Join Webex Meeting
<a href="https://nvcn-cio.webex.com/nvcn-cio/j.php?MTID=mb804d42c573b986c0ca33c92e9a3d50e">https://nvcn-cio.webex.com/nvcn-cio/j.php?MTID=mb804d42c573b986c0ca33c92e9a3d50e</a>
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Meeting number (access code): 145 959 5542

These sessions are not mandatory, but are intended to assist providers in understanding the upcoming HHA single benefit package.

If you have any questions regarding HHA, please submit them to <a href="mailto:DHHS.MedicaidExpansionQuestions@Nebraska.gov">DHHS.MedicaidExpansionQuestions@Nebraska.gov</a>.

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