Tribal Health Improvement Program Step Two Updates November 6, 2024



Updates

- 42 CFR 438.14
- Geographical Service Area
 - Reservation boundaries OR purchase and referred care areas.
- Tribes can choose which service area they would like to serve.
 - Do not have to serve all counties in PRC area- can pick and choose.
- Require an amendment to the geographical areas outlined in the 1932(a) State Plan.
- Each tribe would then have a choice of whether to continue the current service area as indicated in the task order or update the service area.

Discussion



Hierarchy for Overlapping Service Areas

Attribution of T-HIP members would look at:

- First- Reservation boundaries.
- Second- Build a cross walk for county cities to a reservation.
- Third- Shortest straight line to a reservation boundary.

Readiness Assessment

- 42 CFR 438.66(d)(4)(ii)
 - States are required to conduct readiness reviews of a PCCM entity when the specific PCCM entity has not previously contracted with the State.
 - Two parts to the readiness assessment: a desk review and an on-site review.
 - The desk review must be initiated no later than 90 days before the programs effective date.
 - The review must be submitted to CMS with adequate time for review before a programs effective date.
 - CMS has indicated they would prefer 60 days for review.



Follow up Topics

- Request to add Physician Assistant as an allowable provider to act as the T-HIP Medical Director.
- Inflation Factor for the T-HIP per member per month (PMPM) payments.
- DPHHS Case Management Solution
 - The department is on track to start development of the solution in 2025.
 - There will be a member portal option in this solution.
 - A function of the member portal could be the option for members to choose their T-HIP provider.



Any Other Questions for Discussion?

