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Nebraska Medicaid Job Skills Program Referrals
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Pete Ricketts, Governor

April 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.

In early 2021, Medicaid staff developed and began providing 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 first calendar quarter of 2021:

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) began collaborating with the Division of Children and Family Services in the first 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 Website¹.

MLTC shared information on the SNAP E&T program with individuals seeking Medicaid benefits, as many people who are eligible for Medicaid are also eligible for SNAP benefits. Between February 16 and March 31, 2021, Medicaid field staff provided information on the SNAP E&T program to 842 individuals who visited DHHS local offices across the state. Individuals visiting the local offices received Medicaid applications that included flyers² (Spanish version³) on the SNAP E&T program. DHHS noted 2,558 visits to the SNAP E&T webpage from February 12 and March 31, 2021.

From February 16 to March 31, the SNAP E&T program received four referrals from the Medicaid program of Medicaid applicants interested in participating in the SNAP E&T program. As of the end of March, 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. As a result, the Division anticipates it will be able to provide additional data in future reports to the Legislature.

¹ SNAP Next Step (DHHS): <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/SNAP-Next-Step.aspx>

² SNAP Next Step Flyer: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/SNAP%20Next%20Step%20DHHS%20PIO.pdf>

³ SNAP Next Step Flyer (en español):

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/SNAP%20Next%20Step%20DHHS%20PIO%20-%20Spanish.pdf>