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Nebraska Medicaid Job Skills Program Referrals Quarter 3 - 2022

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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, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) submits this report on the status of referrals to job skills programs for interested individuals who apply for Medicaid coverage.

Medicaid staff provide applicants with information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T)job skills program offered by DHHS. These efforts are detailed in the attached report.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medicaid program at Kevin.Bagley@Nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bagley, Director

Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Department of Health and Human Services

MLTC 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 third calendar quarter of 2022:

MLTC continued collaborating with the Division of Children and Family Services in the third quarter of 2022 to provide Medicaid applicants with information on the 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 Website.

Between July 1 and September 30, 2022, Medicaid staff provided information on the SNAP E&T program to 1,799 individuals who visited DHHS's local offices across the state, a decrease of 20 percent compared to last quarter's report. These individuals received Medicaid applications from the local offices that included flyers (Spanish version) on the SNAP E&T program. DHHS also noted 3,840 visits to the SNAP E&T webpage from July 1 to September 30, an increase in traffic of 11.8 percent compared to last quarter's report.

From July 1 to September 30, the SNAP E&T program received no referrals from the Medicaid program of Medicaid applicants interested in participating in the SNAP E&T program.

MLTC continues to seek additional ways to refer interested Medicaid applicants to job skills programs.