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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

February 20, 2024

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Medicaid Managed Care Administrative Spending Quarterly Report

Dear Mr. Metzler:

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-995, please find the attached report summarizing administrative spending by the State's contracted Medicaid managed care plans.

The attached report denotes the most recent quarterly revenue, administrative expenses, and calculated administrative expense rate. This report includes information reported by the managed care plans through their required quarterly reporting to DHHS. It is important to note that revenue and expenses can vary from quarter to quarter. DHHS follows federal guidance in performing official Medical Loss Ratio, Administrative Spend, and Profit Cap calculations after managed care plans sufficiently complete specified contract periods.

This quarterly report is informational only and is not utilized to perform official end-of-contract period calculations. DHHS would also clarify that Medicaid does not reimburse managed care plans for administrative expenses at cost, but rather pays a prospective capitation rate inclusive of administrative cost, and the managed care plans are at risk for any administrative expenditures above the administrative expense rate loaded in the capitation rates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Ahern".

Matthew Ahern, DHA, Interim Director
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Attachment

Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Medicaid Managed Care Administrative Spending Quarterly Report

February 2024

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-995

Managed Care Administrative Spending Report

Calendar Year 2023 - Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)

Revised Statute § 68-955 requires all contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program governing at-risk managed care service delivery for health services entered by the department and existing on or after August 11, 2020, shall not under any circumstances exceed 12% in administrative spending. The administrative expenditure by said contracts shall be tracked by the contractor and reported quarterly to the department and electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature.

The table below demonstrates the administrative spending rate for each of the Medicaid health plan contracts in force for the reported quarter. To calculate the administrative spending rate, the table depicts the total reported administrative expenses by each health plan contractor in the reported quarter, divided by the total capitation revenue paid to each of the health plan contractors in the reported quarter, to derive the administrative spend rate percentage for the reported quarter by health plan contractor.

Health Plan	United Healthcare	Healthy Blue Nebraska	Nebraska Total Care	MCNA Dental
Revenue	\$209,898,640	\$192,174,430	\$214,051,149	-
Administrative Expenses	\$10,014,800	\$12,716,987	\$23,391,872	\$58,982
Administrative Expense Rate	4.8%	6.6%	10.9%	DNR

*DNR – Data not reported by the health plan in time for inclusion in the legislative report.