



## 2025 CMS/ITU Outreach and Education Agenda

June 3-4, 2025  
The Monument  
444 Mt. Rushmore Rd. N  
Rapid City, SD 55701

	June 3 – DAY 1	
7:30 – 8:00 am	REGISTRATION	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Beverly Lofton</b> CMS Division of Tribal Affairs <b>Delaney Apple</b> Cultural Advisor Oyate Health Center
8:15 – 8:30 am	CEU Credits/Devices	<b>Beverly Lofton</b>
8:30 – 9:30 am	CMS Tribal Affairs Update	<b>Beverly Lofton</b>
9:30 – 9:45 am	BREAK	
9:45 – 10:45 am	CMS and Medicaid 101	<b>Stacey Steiner</b> CMS Native American Contact (NAC)
10:45 – 11:45 am	Medicaid Basics in Nebraska	<b>Jacob Kawamoto</b> Program Manager and Tribal Liaison Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
11:45 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH (on your own)	
1:00 – 1:15 pm	PASS the MIC	<b>Stacey Steiner</b>
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Part I: South Dakota Medicaid and CHIP  Part II: Care Coordination and IPA Nurses	<b>Mary Johnle</b> <b>Ashley Lauing</b> South Dakota Department of Social Services  <b>Leslie Wilson, CNP</b> <b>Lillian Jefferson, RN</b> <b>Samantha Hall, RN</b>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	All of Our Relatives Living Well at All Ages and Abilities: Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Programs for Elders and People with Disabilities	<b>Elaina Seep</b> Policy Specialist/Sr. Project Coordinator University of North Dakota; Aniwahya Consulting Services
3:15 – 3:30pm	BREAK	
3:30 – 4:30 pm	NIHB	<b>Kristen Bitsuie</b> Tribal Health Care Reform Outreach and Education Policy Coordinator National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	<b>CMS and NIHB</b>
	<b>June 4 – Day 2</b>	
7:30 – 8:00 am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Beverly Lofton</b> CMS Division of Tribal Affairs <b>Delaney Apple</b> Cultural Advisor Oyate Health Center
9:00 – 10:00 am	Health Insurance Exchange Navigators	<b>Travis Johnson</b> Lead Navigator/Program Coordinator Health Insurance Exchange Navigator Program Great Plains Tribal Leader's Health Board
10:00 – 10:15 am	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:15 am	State and Tribal Relations	<b>Nebraska Panel</b> Jacob Kawamoto – Moderator Crystal Appleton – Carl T. Curtis Health Ed. Center Vietta Swalley – Santee Health and Wellness Center Rebecca Crase –Ponca Tribe
11:15 – 12:15 pm	CMS Medicare Basics	<b>Beverly Lofton</b> CMS Division of Tribal Affairs
12:15 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH (on your own)	
1:30 – 3:00 pm	2025 Coding Updates	<b>Christine Pfeifer</b> Senior Consultant McManis & Monsalve Associates
3:00 – 3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:45 pm	2025 Coding Updates (cont.)	<b>Christine Pfeifer</b>
4:45 pm	Closing remarks, reminders and dismissal	<b>CMS and NIHB</b>