



## EBCI TRIBAL OPTION

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## November 2022 Provider Newsletter

### What is the EBCI Tribal Option?

EBCI Tribal Option assists approximately 4,000 Tribal-eligible Medicaid beneficiaries, primarily in Cherokee, Haywood, Swain, Jackson, and Graham counties.

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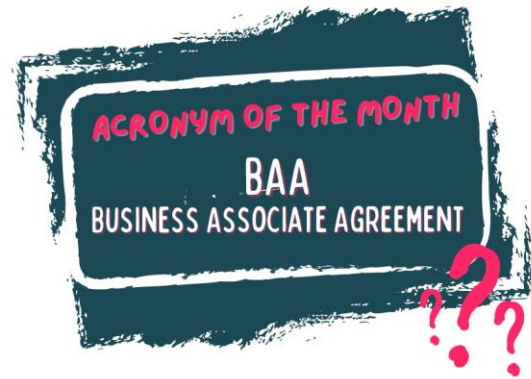
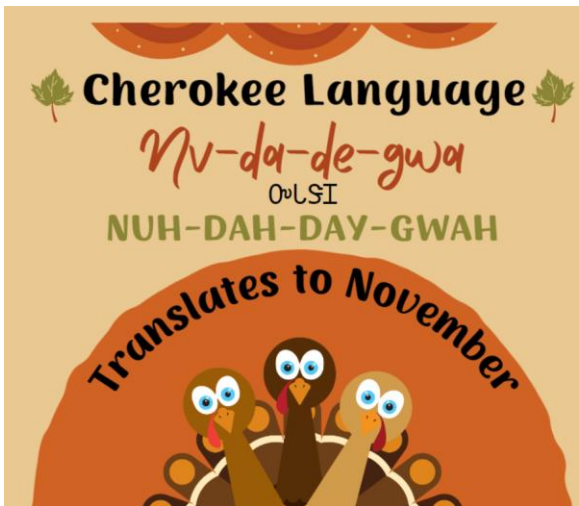
### **CMS releases new resource for states related to the Optional COVID-19 Group**

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a resource for states that adopted the optional COVID-19 group related to ending coverage when federal authority for the group expires on the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency

(PHE). This resource discusses coverage of the optional COVID-19 group, redetermination and notice strategies for the affected beneficiaries, and expectations for ending coverage in the group in states unwinding plans.

Learn more here: <https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/ending-covrg-optnl-covid-grp-guidance.pdf>

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# Childhood Immunizations Quality Metric

Goal > 80%



\*CIHA Dashboard, stratified via Tribal Option Pediatric Members (ages 19-35 months)



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# A1C Glycemic Poor Control >9 Quality Metric

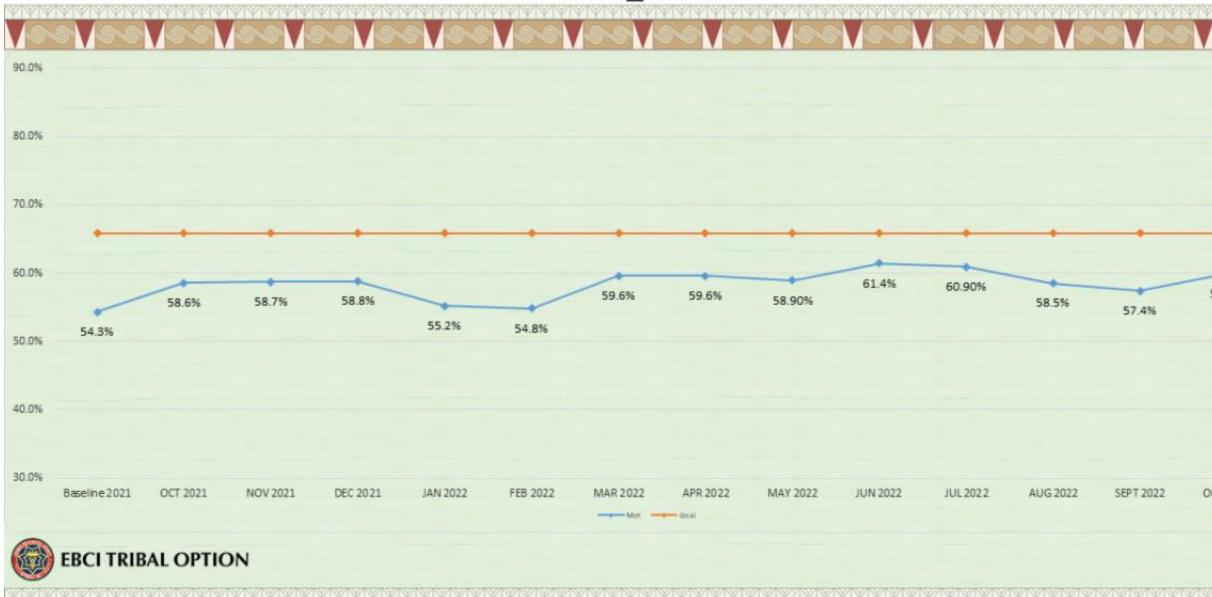
Goal < 20%



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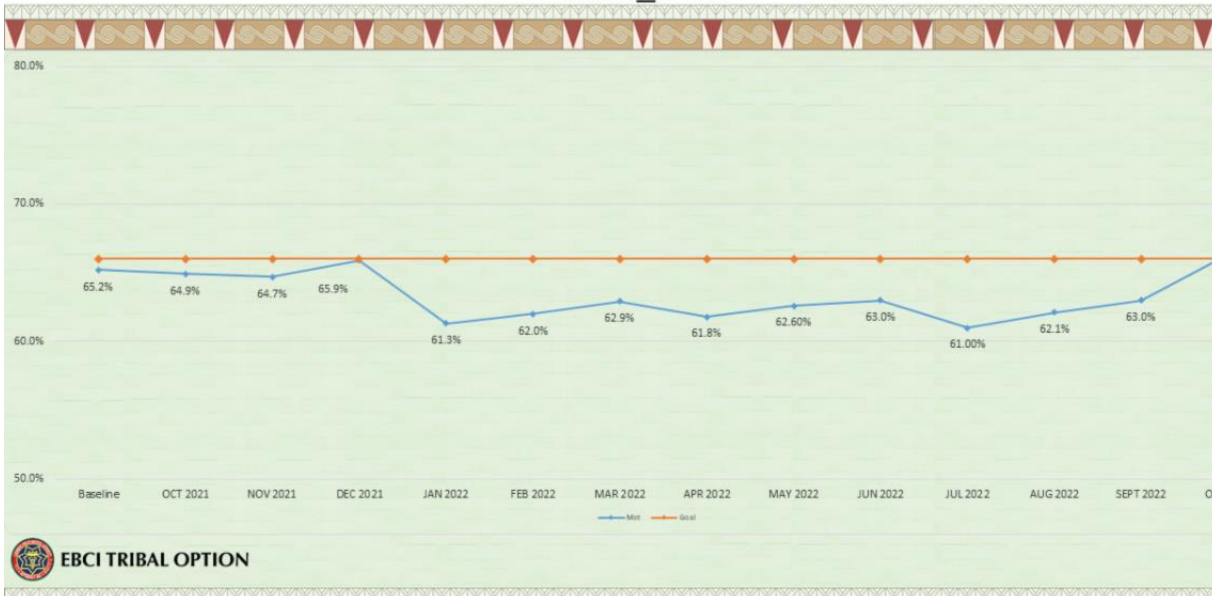
## EBCI Tribal Option Controlling Hypertension Quality Metric

Goal  $\geq 65.8\%$

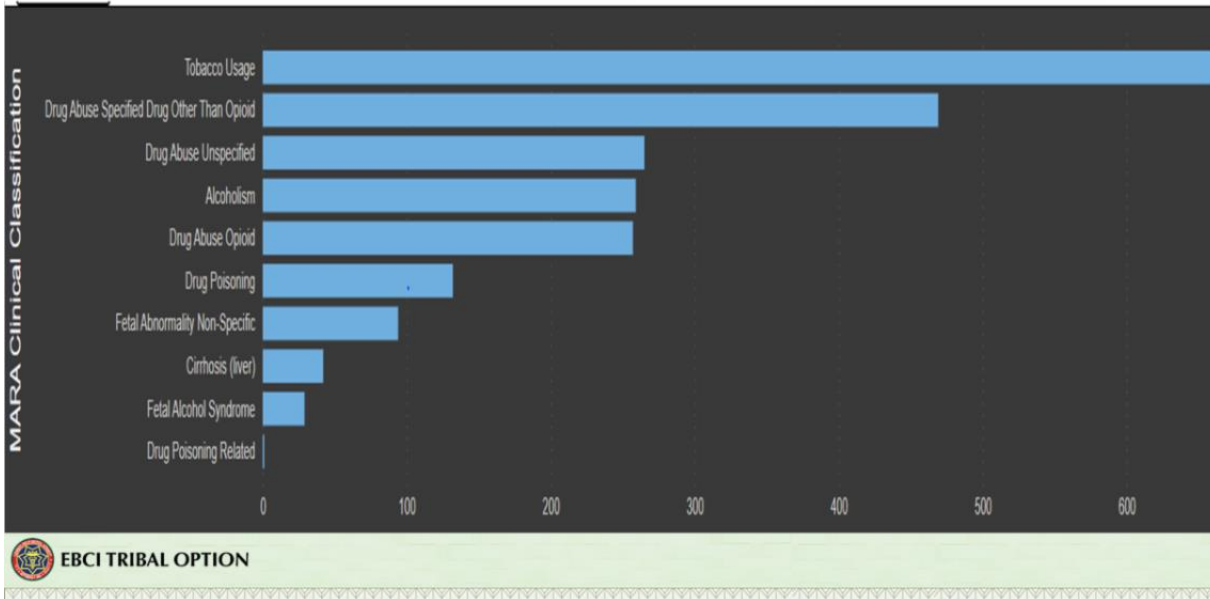


## Tobacco Cessation: Counseling, RX or Quit Quality Metric

Goal  $\geq 66\%$



## EBCI Tribal Option Quality Metric-Substance Use



### **CMS releases an updated COVID-19 Medicaid & CHIP Service Utilization Data Snapshot**

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an update to the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) COVID-19 data snapshot, which includes data through April 2022.

This snapshot provides information on COVID-19 related service utilization by beneficiaries including data on COVID-19 testing, treatment, and acute care use, service use among beneficiaries 18 years of age and younger, services delivered via telehealth, services for mental health and substance use disorders, and reproductive health services for female beneficiaries.

Learn more here: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-medicaid-data-snapshot-04302022.pdf>

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## **CMS Released FFY 2020 Annual Report to Congress: Medicaid Drug Review and Utilization Requirements Under Section 1004 of the SUPPORT Act**

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the FFY 2020 Annual Report to Congress (RTC) on Medicaid Drug Review and Utilization Requirements Under Section 1004 of the SUPPORT Act concerning implementation of these Medicaid drug utilization review provisions. The RTC shows that majority of programs have implemented opioid edits and other standards required by the amendments made by the SUPPORT Act or have a plan in place to implement those standards in the near future. Variation in the methods used by States to meet the required standards were noted and further details can be found in State specific reports on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.medicaid.gov).

For the additional finding of the RTC please visit:  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/downloads/sud-prev-medicaid-drug-rev-util.pdf>



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