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**FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION RELEASES MEDICAID
MEDICAL HOME TASK FORCE REPORT**

~Recommendations for a medical home pilot project for Florida Medicaid~

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) Secretary Thomas W. Arnold yesterday released the Medicaid Medical Home Task Force (Task Force) report to Governor Crist and the Florida Legislature. The report outlines the Task Force’s recommendations for designing and implementing a medical home pilot project for Florida Medicaid.

“We appreciate the work of the Task Force in developing recommendations for implementing a medical home model designed to promote better coordination of patient care,” said Secretary Arnold. “The Agency is always looking for new ways to improve the health care provided to Florida’s Medicaid recipients.”

Established by Senate Bill 1986 passed during the 2009 Legislative Session, the Medicaid Medical Home Task Force was made up of ten members representing medical and health care professional associations, advocacy groups, medical schools and Florida Medicaid health plans and networks. This group was tasked with reviewing medical home models and making recommendations for a Medicaid medical home pilot project in Florida.

The Task Force was provided with overviews on medical home concepts and models and heard presentations by Medicaid staff from other states that have implemented medical home programs, including North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Washington. Based on these presentations and discussions among members, the Task Force made various recommendations for the Florida Legislature to consider during the 2010 Legislative Session. The recommendations include:

- Using the National Committee for Quality Assurance’s (NCQA’s) standards for patient-centered medical homes as a guide when defining Florida’s medical home model and working with community-based networks and providers to gather feedback on what type of medical homes they can provide to Medicaid recipients.
- Identifying at least one rural area and one urban area with an academic setting/medical school to be included as pilot sites.



- Appointing a Medical Home Advisory Board to work with the Agency on planning and implementing the medical home pilot, including setting criteria and quality measures.
- Asking the Medical Home Advisory Board to work with the Agency to determine which Medicaid recipients would best be served by the medical home pilot and use a mixed model that includes MediPass providers, community networks, hospitalists, specialists and managed care organizations, incorporating strong community-based partnerships.
- Ensuring medical home pilot services include primary care providers who provide and/or coordinate all health care for the recipient, are available on a 24/7 basis, and include developmental, mental and behavioral health care.
- Giving strong consideration to reimbursement models that include enhanced fees for services, case management fees, and pay for performance/incentive payments to ensure sufficient participation in the pilot project and that any program design should investigate payment methodologies to ensure a return on investment.

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