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### **FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

*~Florida Medicaid will take input from stakeholders on Florida's Managed Care Pilot Program~*

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) will hold a series of public meetings to solicit public input on the extension of Florida's 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver (Managed Care Pilot). The Florida Managed Care Pilot is a program in Baker, Broward, Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties that seeks to improve the services provided to Medicaid recipients through mandatory participation in managed care plans for specific populations. The program began in 2005, and as of May 1, 2010, 260,394 Floridians are enrolled in the Florida Managed Care Pilot.

During the recent legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed language that authorized the Agency to submit an extension request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Managed Care Pilot. The extension request will ask CMS to allow Florida to continue the Waiver program until 2014. Currently, the program is set to expire on June 30, 2011.

"It is important that everyone has the opportunity to understand what our agency has been asked to do," said Secretary Thomas W. Arnold. "We encourage stakeholders to attend, learn more and offer input about the Managed Care Pilot and its next steps."

The agenda for each public meeting will include a presentation of legislation passed during the 2010 Florida Legislative Session impacting Florida's Managed Care Pilot, an overview of the program as it currently exists and a description of the proposed extension request. The Agency will then take public comment.

The Florida Managed Care Pilot Extension Request meetings will take place:

**Friday, May 21, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters**  
**2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Conference Room A**  
**Tallahassee**

**Tuesday, June 8, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Duval County**



**Wednesday, June 9, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Broward County**

Dates, times and locations for meetings in Baker, Broward, Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties will be posted on the Agency's Web site, [AHCA.MyFlorida.com](http://AHCA.MyFlorida.com), under Public Meeting Notices and in the Florida Administrative Weekly as soon as they are available.

The Agency will also add the Florida Managed Care Pilot Extension Request to the agendas of the Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee meeting on May 18, 2010, the Low Income Pool Council meeting on May 24, 2010, and the Medicaid Technical Advisory Panel meeting on June 2, 2010. If Floridians would like to submit comments, but cannot attend one of the meetings, they may submit them to the Agency via email at [MedicaidReform@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:MedicaidReform@ahca.myflorida.com).

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