



Florida Medicaid Reform

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Key Elements of Reform

- Outreach Efforts.
- Choice Counseling.
- Delivery System:
 - Coordinated Systems of Care (Health Maintenance Organizations and Provider Service Networks).
- New Options / Choice:
 - Customized Plans.
 - Enhanced Benefits.
 - Opt-Out.
- Financing:
 - Premium Based.
 - Risk-Adjusted Premium.
 - Comprehensive and Catastrophic Component.
- Low Income Pool (LIP).

1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- Experimental, Pilot or Demonstration Projects.
 - Benefit Packages, Reimbursement Methodologies, Covering Expanded Groups .
 - States Commit to a Policy Experiment that must be formally evaluated.
- 1115(a)(1) allows the Secretary to waive compliance with most of the requirements in the Medicaid and SCHIP State Plans.
- 1115(a)(2) allows the Secretary to regard as expenditures costs that would not otherwise be matchable under Medicaid or SCHIP.
- There is no statutory requirement regarding the length of time that CMS must review and provide a State with a decision.
- If granted, the initial approval period is a 5 years and the State may request two 3 year extensions of the program.

1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- This is the most comprehensive waiver authority and the Secretary of Health and Human Services has broad authority in granting these waivers, but there are limitations.
- Statutory Limitations
 - Services to Pregnant Women and Children under 19
 - Drug Rebate Provisions
 - FMAP Rate
 - Cost Sharing
 - SCHIP Allotments
- Policy Limitations
 - Budget Neutrality

Future of Florida Medicaid Reform

- The current Medicaid Reform Waiver expires June 30, 2011.
- Submit renewal request to federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services?
 - Submit request with modifications?
 - Allow waiver to expire?

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- Request must be submitted by June 30, 2010.
 - Florida may submit a written request to renew waiver for up to 3 years under Section 1115(e) of Social Security Act.
 - Renewal request can be submitted between December 31, 2009 and June 30, 2010.
 - Federal government must respond to the waiver renewal request within 6 months from the date of submission, if renewal meets specified criteria.
 - Otherwise no established timeframe for renewal.

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- Federal Requirements for renewal.
- (STC #8) - Florida is responsible for reviewing, complying and adhering to the timeframes and reporting requirements in Section 1115(e) of Social Security Act. In addition, Florida must submit documentation of:
 - How the state has met the demonstration objectives,
 - Complied with STCs of the waiver,
 - Summary of beneficiary satisfaction and quality of care,
 - Compliance with budget neutrality cap, and
 - Public process used to obtain stakeholder input.

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- Allow waiver to expire.
 - Submit 6 month Phase-Out plan between December 31, 2009 and June 30, 2010.
 - Transition beneficiaries to Managed Care Waiver.
 - Return to UPL program (hospital providers only).



Questions?