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## **Florida Medicaid Health Plan Performance Continues to Improve with Implementation of Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program**

*- Florida health plans outperform national average in several key metrics -*

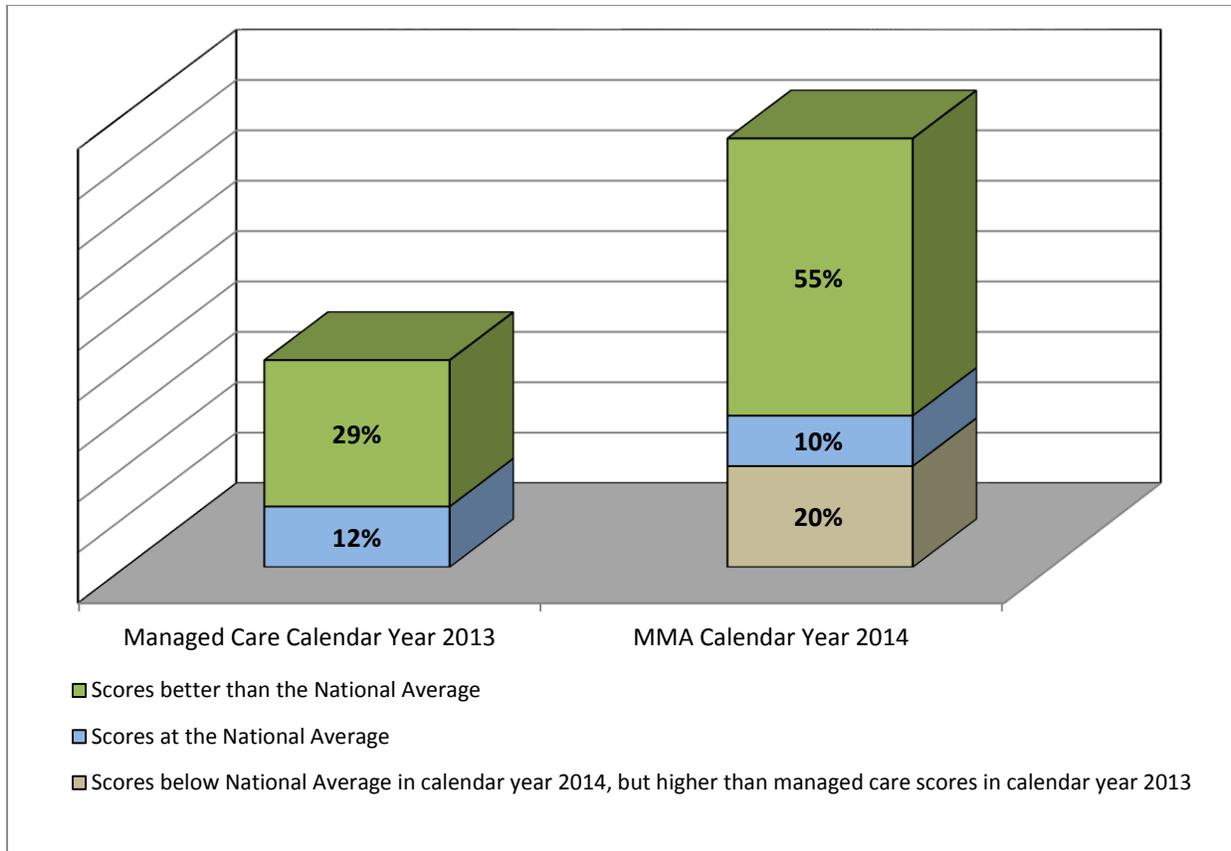
**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) announced that health plans participating in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program are improving the quality of care families receive. Florida health plans scored higher than the national average in more than half of the performance metrics measured by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, usually referred to as HEDIS, is a standardized set of performance measures that uses information reported by participating Medicaid health plans to compare individual Medicaid health plan performance and statewide performance to the national average. This tool is used by more than 90% of health plans to measure performance in key areas related to the provision of care and health outcomes.

Agency Secretary Elizabeth Dudek said, “The publication of today’s HEDIS figures show we are making great strides in improving health outcomes and providing greater access to care. Medicaid recipients enrolled in Managed Medical Assistance plans now have access to the highest quality of care in the history of the Florida Medicaid program.”

Health plans participating in the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) component of the SMMC program were required to report on 51 HEDIS measures for calendar year 2014. The chart below compares these 2014 HEDIS scores to the national average and to HEDIS scores for the Florida Medicaid program in 2013.





**Note:** If non-reform and Reform are separated when calculating the percentage of “the scores below the National Mean in calendar year 2014, but higher than managed care scores in calendar year 2013”, the overall percentage would be 14%.

Key findings from the data set include:

- In 2014, Florida’s Medicaid plans performed as well as or better than the national Medicaid average on 65% of HEDIS measures.
- Compared to HEDIS scores for 2013 (prior to SMMC implementation), the critical areas of prenatal care, diabetes management and breast cancer screenings show substantial improvements.

To learn more about the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) used in evaluating Medicaid health plan performance visit [www.ncqa.org](http://www.ncqa.org).

To access the 2014 HEDIS measure data for Florida Medicaid health plans, please visit <http://ahca.media/2014HEDISMeasures>.

*Floridians.” The Agency administers Florida’s Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 45,000 health care facilities and 34 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at [www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov](http://www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov). Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via [Facebook \(AHCAFlorida\)](#), [Twitter \(@AHCA\\_FL\)](#) and [YouTube \(/AHCAFlorida\)](#).*

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