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MEDIA ADVISORY

Agency Welcomes Public Comment at Meetings about Managed Medical Assistance Waiver *-Public comment period runs October 1-October 30, 2013-*

Tallahassee—The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) will host a series of public meetings to solicit public input about the extension of Florida’s 1115 Managed Medical Assistance Waiver (MMA) for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017. The waiver is designed to implement a new statewide managed care delivery system without increasing costs and to continue the Low Income Pool program. The MMA program will build upon the successful elements of the previous demonstration while incorporating stronger protections for consumers, as well as higher standards and more significant accountability measures for plans.

During the meetings, the Agency will provide an overview of the provisions in Part IV of Chapter 409, Florida Statutes, related to the MMA program; an overview of the existing waiver including the June 14, 2013 federally approved waiver amendment; a description of the extension request; and time for public comments.

The MMA Waiver meetings will take place:

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Egypt Shriners
4050 Dana Shores Drive in Tampa
Conference Line: 1-877-809-7263
Participant Code: 723-905-13#

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Florida International University - Kovens Center
3000 N.E. 151 Street in North Miami
Conference Line: 1-877-299-4502
Participant Code: 780-731-66#

Friday, October 11, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive Building 3, Conference Room A in Tallahassee
Conference Line: 1-877-299-4502
Participant Code: 887-428-70#

NOTE: A video recording of the public meeting to be held in Tallahassee on October 11, 2013, will be posted on the Agency’s website following the meeting.



In addition to at the public meetings, comments can be submitted via mail or email. Comments will be accepted from October 1-October 30.

Mail comments and suggestions to:

1115 MMA Waiver Extension Request
Office of the Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, MS #8
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

E-mail comments and suggestions to: FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com with “1115 MMA Waiver Extension Request” referenced in the subject line.

All meeting materials and additional information about the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program can be accessed by visiting www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC. Specific information about the waiver extension and all federal authorities sought and granted can be viewed under the *Federal Authorities* tab.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida’s Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 45,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via Facebook (AHCAFlorida), Twitter (@AHCA_FL) and YouTube (/AHCAFlorida).

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