

# Florida Medicaid

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# Overview of 2011 Legislation

- In 2011, the Florida Legislature created a new program, Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) (Part IV of Chapter 409, Florida Statutes).
- Statewide Medicaid Managed Care has two program components, the Long-Term Care Managed Care program and the Managed Medical Assistance program:
  - Long Term Care Managed Care Program
    - Implementation begins 7/1/12 with release of ITN; implementation complete April 2014
    - Certain recipients will be required to enroll in Long-Term Managed Care

# Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Goals

The Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program is designed to:

- Emphasize patient centered care, personal responsibility and active patient participation;
- Coordinate fully integrated long-term care and health care in different health care settings;
- Provide a choice of the best long-term care managed care plans to meet recipients' needs;
- Implement innovations in reimbursement methodologies, managed care plan quality and plan accountability.

# Current Status of Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Implementation

- Federal CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) has begun to negotiate program approval with the Agency.
- The Agency has received and responded to several sets of informal and formal questions regarding this waiver application from federal CMS, and negotiations are ongoing.
- The Agency is participating in bi-weekly calls with CMS regarding the waiver applications.
- The Agency is finalizing the ITN for Long-Term Care SMMC services. The ITN will be released on or before July 1, 2012.

# Who Will Enroll in the Long-Term Care Managed Care Program?

- Individuals who are:
  - 65 years of age or older AND meet nursing facility level of care
  - 18 years of age or older AND are eligible for Medicaid by reason of a disability AND meet nursing facility level of care
- Individuals who live in a nursing facility
- Individuals enrolled in:
  - Aged and Disabled Adult Waiver;
  - Consumer-Directed Care Plus for individuals in the A/DA waiver;
  - Assisted Living Waiver;
  - Channeling Services for Frail Elders Waiver
  - Nursing Home Diversion Waiver.

# Long-Term Care Managed Care Program

- Medicaid recipients who qualify and become enrolled in the Long-term Care Managed Care Program will receive long-term care services from long-term care managed care plans.
- The Long-term Care Managed Care Program will not change Medicare benefits.
- Long-term care managed care plans will only provide long-term care services. The Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program will provide all health care services other than long-term care services to eligible recipients.
- The following home and community-based waiver programs will be consolidated into a single managed long-term care waiver:
  - Aged and Disabled Adult;
  - Assisted Living Waiver;
  - Channeling Services for Frail Elders Waiver
  - Nursing Home Diversion Waiver

This transition will occur in the fall of 2013.

# Contracting with a Managed Care Plan

- Individual providers must contract with health plans in order to continue to provide services to Medicaid enrolled recipients.
- There are requirements for the Agency to establish, and each managed care plan to comply, with specific standards for the number, type, and regional distribution of providers in the plan's network.
- All Florida licensed ALFs and adult family care home providers that are in good standing with the Medicaid program can participate.
- The Assisted Living for the Elderly waiver will no longer be in operation, however, contracted ALFs will still be reimbursed for assistive care services and assisted living facility services for eligible recipients.

# Contracting with a Managed Care Plan

- Although managed care plans may limit the providers in their networks based on credentials, quality indicators, and price, according to section 409.982, F.S., plans are required to initially offer contracts to certain providers within their region, including:
  - Nursing homes
  - Hospices
  - Aging network service providers that have previously participated in home and community-based waivers serving elders or community-service programs administered by the Department of Elderly Affairs.

# Plan Responsibility

- Plans will be responsible for placing enrollees in the appropriate ALF setting.
- Plans will ensure enrollees are receiving quality care within their respective care setting.
- The plans will assign each enrollee a case manager who will assist with coordination of care and will review the enrollee's plan of care on a scheduled basis.

# Group Care Facilities and Home Like Settings

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a proposed rule on April 15, 2011, related to Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) settings where waiver participants may receive services. CMS is directing States to move away from services in segregated settings or settings with a strong institutional nature.
- These settings include campuses of institutional facilities where individuals may not be able to choose whether or with whom they share a room, limit individual's freedom of choice on daily living experiences, such as meals, visitors, activities, and opportunities to pursue community activities.
- Florida Medicaid is working closely with CMS and its waiver operating agencies to ensure waiver participants have the choice to reside in settings that offer home-like environments and encourage integration into the community.

# Group Care Facilities and Home Like Settings cont.

- A home like environment includes, but is not limited to:
  - Right to privacy, including being able to lock door.
  - Right to participate in activities of own choice.
  - Right to choose own roommate.
  - Recipients must have access to central dining and living room area.
  - Recipients must have resources to prepare own food and access snacks when wanted.

# For More Information

- Updates about the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program will be posted on the Agency website at:  
[http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide\\_mc/index.shtml#tab1](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc/index.shtml#tab1)
- Sign up to receive email updates about the program at this website.

# Questions?

