



MEDICAID REDESIGN IMPLEMENTATION

Alaska Maternal Child Health and Immunization Conference
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DHSS Budget Update

- DHSS general fund budget cut by \$203 Million since FY 15
- Examples of program impacts:
 - Eliminated Alaska Affordable Heating Program
 - Affects 2,100 households – those between 151%-225% FPL
 - Senior Benefits Program
 - Highest income level benefit decreased from \$125 to \$76 monthly
 - Public Health Nursing cut 20%: eliminated 31 positions
 - Facility closures/reductions
 - Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility closed this month
 - Combined units at McLaughlin Youth Center
 - Reduced bed counts in Fairbanks Youth Facility detention unit from 20 to 12
 - Pioneer Homes closed 25 beds due to staffing cuts; rate increased 8.5% in FY 16
 - Six Public Health Centers closed: Cordova, Ft. Yukon, Galena, Haines, Seward, Wrangell
 - Fairbanks Bureau of Vital Statistics office closed
- Anticipate additional reductions in coming year
 - Educate legislature about value of Medicaid “optional” services, such as Rx and PCA
 - Educate legislature about importance of “discretionary” grants

Medicaid Expansion Update

- In first 12 months (Sept 2015 – Aug 2016)
 - 21,497 Alaskans enrolled in Medicaid expansion
 - 10,137 between 45 – 64 years of age
 - \$205 million in federal spending for Medicaid claims

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Implementing Reform

- Major components of SB74
 - 16 Initiatives
 - DHSS is the lead for 12

1. 1915 (i) and (k) Options

- Contracted with HMA to analyze potential opportunities, costs, and savings associated with these options
- Final report to be released soon
- Recommendations:
 - Move forward with 1915(k)
 - Consider other options for 1915(i)

2. Behavioral Health Reform

- Comprehensive behavioral health reform
 - Partner with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 - 1115 Waiver to redesign behavioral health services
 - Removal of grant requirement to be a Medicaid provider
- 6 Waiver Development Teams
 - Policy, Cost, Benefit Design, Quality, Data, Writing
- Submit Concept Paper to CMS by 12/31/16

3. Coordinated Care Demonstration Projects

- Purpose & Process:
 - Assess efficacy of different health care delivery models re: cost, access, and quality of care
 - Request for proposals by Dec. 31, 2016
 - More than one contract / More than one year
 - Proposal Review Committee
 - Review by Third Party Actuary
- Technical Assistance: PHPG
- Request for Information

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4. Eligibility Verification System; Work & Social Supports

- Computerized income, asset and identity verification system
 - Third party vendor; Savings must exceed cost
 - Annual savings must exceed the cost of implementing the system
- Referrals to community and social support services

5. Tribal Claiming Policy

- New Federal Policy: Allows state to claim 100% federal reimbursement under certain circumstances
- \$32M in savings for FY 17

6. Fraud & Abuse Prevention

- Alaska Medicaid False Claim & Reporting Act

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7. Health Information Infrastructure Plan

- Ensure sufficient data and communication to improve health
- Starting with assessment of technology and capabilities
- Workgroup will convene next summer to develop plan

8. Medicaid Reform Program

- Electronic distribution of EOBs
- Stakeholder workgroup for setting annual targets for quality and cost-effectiveness
- Annual report to legislature each November 15

9. Primary Care Initiative

- Primary Care Case Management
 - Temporary program to serve as a bridge to system-wide primary care case management.
 - Expand the Alaska Medicaid Coordinated Care Initiative (AMCCI)
 - Allow Coordinated Care Demonstration Projects and behavioral health system reform to develop and test new models of primary care case management.
 - Then transition Medicaid recipients to appropriate program
- Health Homes
 - Planning for Health Home services = 2018
 - Coordinated Care Project Demonstration projects may propose to develop and pilot test a Health Home model
 - Other reform initiatives may choose to implement a Health Home model, earlier for specific populations.

10. Privatization Studies

- Contracts were awarded to:
 - PCG (Public Consulting Group) to conduct the API privatization feasibility study
 - Carter Goble Associates to conduct the DJJ privatization feasibility study.
- RFP for the Pioneer Homes pharmacy privatization study was released on two different occasions.
 - Both times the offeror was deemed non-responsive.
 - More information will be coming soon on the Department's next steps.

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11. Reporting Requirements

- Annual Medicaid Reform Report
- Annual Medicaid Fraud, Payment Error & Eligibility Quality Control Report
- Other one-time or time-limited reports

12. Telemedicine Workgroup

- Recommendations for improving access through telehealth

13. Emergency Care Improvement

- Alaska State Hospital & Nursing Home Association w/ Alaska Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

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14. Health Care Authority Feasibility Study

- Department of Administration the lead
- Consultants: PRM Consulting Group
- Study the feasibility of coordinating or consolidating state health care purchasing

15. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

- Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development the lead
- PDMP Database strengthened
- Guidelines for the prescription of Schedule II controlled substances

16. SB 91 Integration

- Criminal Justice Reform: Department of Corrections is the lead agency
- DHSS Role: Increase access to treatment and rehab programs; enroll those re-entering society in Medicaid

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 - dhss.alaska.gov/healthyalaska

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Questions?

Thank you!

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