



Transitioning Iowa's Medicaid Program and the Federal Waiver Process

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Medicaid Today

- Medicaid in Iowa currently provides health care assistance to about 560,000 people at a cost of approximately \$4.2 billion dollars annually
- A key budgetary challenge is the increasing costs to provide services and decreasing federal funds to do so
- The cost of delivering this program has grown by 73 percent since 2003
- And, Medicaid total expenditures are projected to grow by 21% in the next three years



How Managed Care Works

- Medicaid agencies (Iowa Medicaid Enterprise) contract with managed care organizations (MCOs) to provide and pay for health care services
- DHS will contract with **two to four** managed care organizations
 - Required to provide statewide access
- Services set to begin January 1, 2016
- MCOs establish a network of providers and utilization guidelines



Iowa's Goals

Goal

- Improved quality and access

Goal

- Greater accountability for outcomes

Goal

- More predictable and sustainable Medicaid budget



MCO Selection Process To Date

Activity	Timeline and Status
RFP Released	February 16, 2015
Statewide Public Meetings Held	March 2015
Q&A and RFP Amendments Issued	Spring 2015
Bids Due	May 26, 2015 • 11 bids received
Federal Waiver Public Comment Period	July 20, 2015 – August 24, 2015
Notice of Intent to Award	August 17, 2015
Contracts Signed	September 2015
Services Begin	January 1, 2016



Which Members Impacted?

Included

- Majority of Medicaid members
- *hawk-i* members
- Iowa Health and Wellness Plan
- Long Term Care
- HCBS Waivers

Excluded

- PACE (member option)
- Medically Needy
- Programs where Medicaid already pays premiums: Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP), Eligible for Medicare Savings Program only
- Undocumented persons eligible for short-term emergency services only



Member Benefits

- Design **includes all Medicaid covered medical benefits**
 - No benefit changes, unless due to eligibility or level of care needs
- MCOs will integrate physical health, behavioral health and long term services under one program



What Services are Included?

- Traditional Medicaid services including medical care in inpatient and outpatient settings, behavioral health care, transportation, etc.
- Facility-based services such as Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children, Mental Health Institutes and State Resource Centers
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver services like HIV/AIDS, Brain Injury, Children's Mental Health waiver, etc.

What Services are Excluded?

- Dental services will be carved out of MCO coverage



Federal Waiver Process



Federal Authorities

- DHS is working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain federal approval for the managed care transition
- New 1915(b) Waiver: Iowa High Quality Healthcare Initiative
 - Five year waiver



Amendments to Current Waivers

Demonstration Waivers

- 1115 Iowa Wellness Plan Demonstration Waiver
- 1115 Family Planning Demonstration Waiver

HCBS Waivers

- Children's Mental Health
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Elderly
- Health and Disability
- Physical Disability
- HIV/AIDS
- Brain Injury



HCBS Waiver Amendments

- Three waivers available for review currently
 - Children's Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Elderly
- Others still pending approval with CMS and will be released for comment once pending reviews are completed
 - Health and Disability, Physical Disability, Brain Injury, HIV/AIDS



Public Comment Process

- Purpose is to collect comments specific to the federal waivers and waiver amendments
- Waivers available for 35-day public comment period
 - Submit through Monday, August 24, 2015
- Comments to be compiled and shared with CMS when the waivers are submitted in September



Public Comment Process

- Comments may be submitted
 - In writing
 - Address comments to: Rick Riley, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315
 - Via email
 - ModernizationWaiverComment@dhs.state.ia.us
 - Verbally at public hearing(s)



Public Hearing Guidelines

- Public may submit comments to DHS verbally
 - Encouraged to also submit comments in writing
 - Turn in written comments at sign in table
- DHS will not respond to comments and/or questions during the hearing
 - Hearing is for collecting comments only
- Each individual will be **limited to 5 minutes** to ensure attendees have an opportunity to speak



Waiver Documents

- Accessible under the Federal Waiver Documents Section of the Medicaid Modernization web page:
<http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/MedicaidModernization>
- Accessible at any DHS Field Office location throughout the state



Where to Comments and Questions

	Contact Information
Federal Waiver Comments	Email: ModernizationWaiverComment@dhs.state.ia.us In Writing: Rick Riley, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Rd., Des Moines, IA 50315
Modernization Stakeholder Questions	Email: MedicaidModernization@dhs.state.ia.us
Modernization Member Questions	Contact Member Services Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Email: IMEMemberServices@dhs.state.ia.us
Modernization Provider Questions	Contact Provider Services Phone: 1-800-338-7909 Email: IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us
Media and Legislators	Contact the DHS Public Information Officer