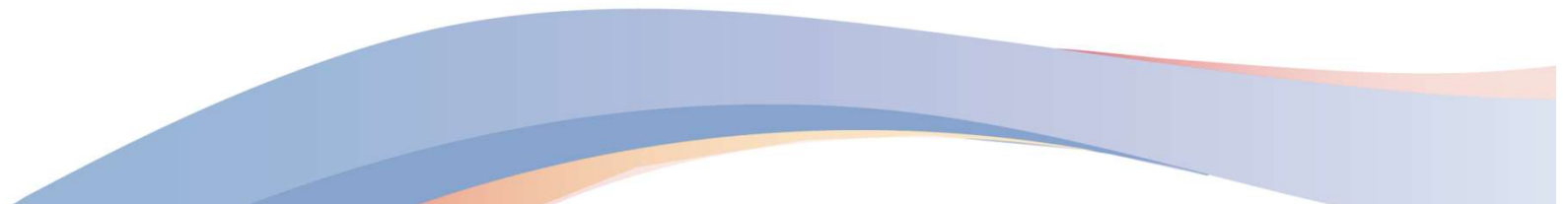


Florida's 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Low Income Pool (LIP) and Retroactive Eligibility Amendment Request

April 3, 2018 – Tallahassee Public Meeting



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Presentation Overview

- Purpose
- 1115 Amendment Process
- Florida Medicaid LIP
- Florida Medicaid Retroactive Eligibility



Purpose



The purpose of the meeting today is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to the 1115 MMA Waiver to:

- Modify the LIP
- Remove the 3-month Medicaid retroactive eligibility period for adults



1115 Amendment Process



What are 1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers?

- Experimental or pilot projects that promote the objectives of the Medicaid and CHIP programs.
- Give states additional flexibility to design and improve their programs.
- Evaluates policy approaches to:
 - Expanding eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise eligible
 - Providing services not typically covered
 - Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs
- Must be "budget neutral" to the federal government.



Public Notice and Comment Period

- Prior to submitting an amendment to an 1115 waiver, states must publish a comprehensive description of the program for review and comment for at least 30 days.
- The public notice document is available for review and comment from **March 21, 2018 though April 19, 2018** at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Policy/federal_authorities/federal_waivers/mma_fed_auth.shtml



Florida Medicaid LIP



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Background

- The LIP provides government support to safety net providers for the cost of uncompensated charity care for low-income individuals who are uninsured.



Background

In 2018, the Florida Legislature:

- Identified two new provider groups for inclusion in the LIP. These provider groups include:
 - Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Centers (RPICCs)
 - Eligible hospital ownership subgroup
 - Community Behavioral Health Providers
 - Participating provider group



Objective

- Include RPICCs and community behavioral health providers in the LIP.
 - RPICCs will be eligible in state fiscal year (SFY) 2017/18.
 - Community behavioral health providers will be eligible in SFY 2018/19.



Effect on Recipients

- Recipients will not be affected.



Evaluation

- 1115 waivers are required to be evaluated by an independent entity.
- The Agency contracts with the University of Florida to perform the MMA Waiver evaluation.
- An update to the evaluation design is not necessary.



Florida Medicaid Retroactive Eligibility



Background

- Currently, individuals applying for Medicaid can receive retroactive eligibility up to the third month before a recipient's application date.
- In 2018, the Florida Legislature:
 - Approved a measure to eliminate the 3-month retroactive eligibility period for non-pregnant adults.



Objective

- Enhance fiscal predictability by removing the 3-month retroactive eligibility period for non-pregnant adults.



State Plan

- The Agency will submit a concurrent Medicaid State Plan amendment to remove the 3-month retroactive eligibility period for non-pregnant adults.



Effect on Recipients

- Recipients under the age of 21 years and pregnant adults will not be affected.
- Non-pregnant adults' Medicaid eligibility will begin the first day of the month of application for Medicaid.
- Analysis has shown approximately 39,000 non-pregnant adults (less than 1% of all Florida Medicaid recipients) were made retroactively eligible in SFY 2015/16.



Evaluation

- An update to the evaluation design is not necessary.



Public Comment Period

Written comments with the subject “1115 MMA Amendment – LIP” can be e-mailed to FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com or mailed to:

Agency for Health Care Administration
Bureau of Medicaid Policy
1115 MMA Amendment – LIP
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Comments must be submitted to the Agency by **April 19, 2018.**

