



Statement from the Medicaid Director

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Statement from Medicaid Director Justin Senior concerning Medically Needy Program Report

“At the Social Services Estimating Conference principals’ request to support the Medicaid Impact Conference, AHCA evaluated several options related to the Medically Needy program. The report shows the detailed evaluation that has been provided to the principals for these issues. In general, there are two major designs evaluated:

1. Savings associated with a Medicaid expansion to 138% FPL and exchange coverage availability for families over 138% FPL (issues #15 and #18B): Under these options, the Medically Needy program stays open for children, but adults are assumed to be covered through the Medicaid expansion or through coverage through a health insurance exchange. General Revenue savings are estimated at over \$430 million annually.
2. Savings associated with retaining the Medically Needy program for adults under 100% FPL and exchange coverage availability for families over 100% FPL (issues #16 and #18A): Under these options, the Medically Needy program stays open for children and adults under 100% FPL, but is no longer needed for adults over 100% FPL, who will be eligible for coverage through the health insurance exchange. Because many of the Medically Needy participants are under 100% FPL, the General Revenue savings estimated for this model is much smaller, at approximately \$130 million annually.”

The Medicaid Impact Conference Issues related to the Medically Needy Program are available on the Agency’s website under Agency news: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/>.

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