



Summary
Low Income Pool (LIP) Council
Telephone Conference
Monday, May 24, 2010
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members On Call

Alicia Watson for Dee Schaeffer
William Robinson
Steve Short
Bill Little
Stephen Purves
Lewis Seifert
Michael Gingras
Kevin Kearns
Clark Scott
Charlotte Mather
Gwendolyn MacKenzie
Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III
Dave Ross
Mike Hutchins
Steve Harr
Dwight Chenette
Mike Marks

Members Present

Phil Williams, LIP Chairman
John Benz

AHCA Staff and Presenters

Tom Arnold
Michele Hudson
Lecia Behenna
Bill Perry
Ryan Perry
Tiffany Vause

Members Absent

Dr. Eneida Roldan
Charles Colvert
Steve Mason
Hugh Greene
Dr. Mark Mckenney

Welcome

The LIP Council meeting was conducted at the Agency for Health Care Administration in Tallahassee, Florida. Mr. Phil Williams, LIP Chairman and Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Finance, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The meeting began with a welcome and roll call of attending members on the call.

Funding Update

Chairman Williams discussed the funding update with a summary on the handout of the Low Income Pool Distribution Overview. The chart illustrated the LIP Council recommendations for SFY 2010-11 compared to what was adopted (see attached) in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) as well as an adjustment to the LIP funding for State Fiscal Year 2010-11 if Congress were to adopt an extension of the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), a contingency provided in the GAA. Chairman Williams also noted the Governor has yet to take



action on the budget presented to him and has until May 28th to do so. Once the Governor has taken action, the

Agency will prepare in depth tables for distribution. Questions and answers followed regarding the discussion of the GAA updates.

Wavier Renewal

Provided to the Council members and the attending AHCA staff was an excerpt from the legislation that was adopted, by the Legislature, Senate Bill 1484. The Legislature has directed the Agency to seek a 3-year extension of the 1115 Demonstration Wavier, under which authority the Low Income Pool exists. Chairman Williams noted the Agency is to report to the legislature monthly on its progress in negotiating with federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS). The Agency is also to report and have approved by the Legislative Budget Commission on any changes to the Special Terms and Conditions of the waiver which are specific to the Low Income Pool. Chairman Williams also mentioned the Agency was assembling a packet of information for federal CMS by the June 30th, 2010 deadline. In regards to the special term and conditions, although it is a renewal, no changes are being proposed to the waiver itself. The request for the one billion dollar per year extension remained without any changes or increases of additional funds.

Recent Activities and Presentations

A presentation by the Agency made to Senate and House regarding a Low Income Pool and Upper Payment Limit comparison was explained to the Council by Michele Hudson. This presentation compared different values and characteristics between the Low Income Pool and the Upper Payment Limit. Examples were given and discussed which expressed key points for both payment methodologies.

Also included in the provided materials for the LIP Council meeting was a document titled, "Amended Special Term and Condition 105 Reconciliation Draft Review Tool and Written Procedures for Reconciliation of LIP Expenditures to Allowable Provider Costs." This document gives written instructions on the updated LIP Cost Limit and quarterly reporting tool. It also aids in the Agency's compliance with the modified STC 105 1a.

Low Income Pool Year 2010-11 Timeline

Chairman Williams noted the Agency has not proceeded with any Letters of Agreement (LOAs) for the new fiscal year. This process of distribution of LOAs is halted until the governor approves the GAA for the new fiscal year. Once the GAA is acted on, the Agency's goal is to have the LOAs to the communities within 30 days of the signing. The Council also advised that LOAs and payments of IGTs would be operating under the assumption of the six month enhanced FMAP for the new fiscal year unless there is specific congressional action in the meantime.



Discussion of Upcoming Tasks and Meetings

The focus of the LIP Council meeting was directed to the provided document of Senate Bill 1484. Section two of this document explained the Agency's current task of developing a methodology to ensure the availability of intergovernmental transfers in the expansion of prepaid managed care in the Medicaid program. Chairman Williams gave an overview of this section of the Senate Bill which explained the need to create a Technical Advisory Panel. The Secretary of the Agency would be in charge of selecting representatives to serve on this panel. Council members were also given the authority to nominate anyone who could be beneficial to this Technical Advisory Panel.

The discussion of future LIP Council meetings also occurred. Chairman Williams indicated the desire of beginning LIP Council meetings for the new fiscal year earlier rather than later in the fiscal year. Council members were advised of future meetings starting as early as July for the upcoming 2010-11 state fiscal year. Comments and recommendations were also mentioned for the upcoming meetings to be held off the Agency's campus and possibly in the central part of the state. Telephone conferences were also given as an option for future meetings.

Comments

Chairman Williams reminded the Council and listening parties of this being a public meeting and allowed input and/or questions in relation to the wavier renewal. A concern from the audience was presented before the council regarding the request of additional funds while staying within the proposed budget neutrality. Secretary Tom Arnold responded by assuring every opportunity for an increase of funding would be observed by the Agency. Secretary Arnold's reply also gave commentary on the discussion of the current billion dollar wavier with CMS. The Agency is currently preparing the wavier extension request to include a continuation of \$1 billion per year for the 3 year wavier renewal period. If the opportunity arises to increase the \$1 billion, the Agency will make the request for an increase.

Adjournment

With no further comments or questions pending, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.