



Draft Summary
Low Income Pool (LIP) Council
Telephone Conference
Wednesday, July 21, 2010
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members Attended by Phone

Phil Williams, LIP Chairman
William Robinson
Steve Short
Bill Little
Stephen Purves
Hugh Greene
Michael Gingras
Clark Scott
Dee Schaeffer
Kevin Kearns
Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III
Dwight Chenette
Charles Colvert
John Benz
Lewis Seifert
Mike Hutchins
Charlotte Mather
Mary Lou Tighe for Dr. Eneida Roldan

AHCA Staff

Phil Williams, LIP Chairman
Michele Hudson
Lecia Behenna
Bill Perry
Ryan Perry

Members Absent From Call

Steve Harr
Steve Mason
Dave Ross
Dr. Mark Mckenney
Gwendolyn MacKenzie
Mike Marks

Welcome

The Low Income Pool (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.

Updates

Mr. Williams began the Updates portion of the LIP Council with reporting on the 1115 Extension Renewal progress. The 1115 Medicaid reform extension was submitted to Federal CMS prior to the June 30th deadline. The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has had one conference call based on that submission. Federal CMS did present a series of questions and requested additional information, which was later presented to them from the Agency. One issue that stood out from others was the State's request to be considered as an E renewal. However, Federal CMS was unsure if it could conduct its review as an E or A renewal.



Ms. Lecia Behenna presented an update on the Letters of Agreement (LOAs) for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010-2011. In her presentation to the Council, she stated the templates for LOAs was prepared and would be distributed by close of business on Friday July 30th, 2010. The categories covered by LOAs would include Low Income Pool, Disproportionate Share (DSH), Exemptions, Buybacks, Federally Qualified Health Centers and County Health Departments.

Ms. Michele Hudson, bureau chief for Medicaid Program Analysis of the Agency, presented information on the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) impact on LOAs. She noted two additional paragraphs were added to the LOAs. One paragraph was specific to the enhanced FMAP that was authorized under the federal stimulus bill. It explained how the State does not have the authority to draw down federally enhanced match funds after January 1, 2011. As a result, any payment made from the Agency on or after January 1, 2011, would be matched at the non-stimulus FMAP rates.

Once the quorum had been met, minutes from the May 24th, 2010, meeting was approved.

Ms. Hudson continued with an update on Special Term and Condition (STC) 105. She noted as of April 30th, 2010, the Agency had submitted STC 105 1(a) and has received an informal approval of that document. The request for final approval has been received and is routing through the clearance process at CMS. The Agency has also submitted STC 105 2(a) on May 31st, 2010. A conference call has been held but the Agency is still awaiting follow up from CMS on that submission. STC 105 1(b) and STC 105 2(b) were submitted to CMS on June 29th, 2010.

An update on the Reporting Tool and Cost Limit Deadlines was presented before the council by Ms. Hudson. In her presentation, she mentioned in conjunction with the reimbursement documents as well as the STC, the Agency did submit that it would require the providers on a recurring basis to submit the reconciliation tool on an annual basis. This would allow the Agency to prepare the reconciliation as needed for each demonstration year as well as the reporting tool for the primary care, services and use of the Low Income Pool. The report will be required to be received by the Agency from participating hospitals as of May 1st of each year.

Discussions

Ms. Behenna began the discussions portion of the Council meeting with highlights of the General Appropriations Act 2010-11 Model. A model of distribution for current year 2010-2011 was assembled for the Council to review. This model displayed the five tables in the same fashion of previous models presented to and reviewed by the Council.

For the Model 2010-11 with 2011-12 FMAP, Ms. Behenna used this time to talk about model requests for upcoming Low Income Pool Council meetings. The supplied model was compiled with a suggested FMAP number as an example since the 2011-2012 FMAP has yet to be established. She offered Council members the opportunity to request future models with different levels of funding. This would give Council members the ability to see how different levels of funding would affect future proposed models.



Ms. Hudson gave an update on the Intergovernmental Transfer Technical Advisory Panel to the Council. She mentioned that there were eight members appointed to the council of that panel. Members selected ranged from different Medicaid participating health plans, participating hospitals in the Medicaid program, contributing counties and the dean from the University of Florida Medical School. The goal of the panel is to take into consideration the reimbursement concerns of managed care expense or the possibility of managed care expanding, and the means by which IGT funds could be used for managed care funding. This is where more of the Medicaid population would receive their services through participating managed care assuming a capitated managed care environment and the impact on the benefit of intergovernmental transfers that are now being used to fund hospital exemptions and buy backs.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the definition of Safety Net Hospitals. Mr. Williams suggested creating a subcommittee of the Council, consisting of four to five members, who would be willing to work together on the issue to bring back recommendations or at least some ideas this year to the Council as a whole. Any members interested were asked to notify the Agency as soon as possible.

Closing Comments

A suggestion was made by Mr. Williams to hear from groups that have been funded with Low Income Pool funds. The projects of Pinellas County and Citrus County were recently recognized by the National Association of County Health Officers. An Orange County Project was funded in part by LIP funds and recognized by Harvard University. These three projects will be invited to subsequent meetings to present.

Also up for discussion was money set aside by the Legislature to fund Primary Care expansion projects. A task for the Agency is to develop a plan for submission to the Legislative Budget Commission as to how it would propose allocating the funding to different categories of providers.

Another topic up for discussion was to hold LIP Council meetings outside of Tallahassee. Council members were encouraged to provide suggestions on subsequent meeting locations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.