



Draft Summary
Low Income Pool (LIP) Council
Wednesday, December 15, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Phil Williams, LIP Chairman
William Robinson
Steve Mason
Hugh Greene
Dee Schaeffer
Kevin Kearns
Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III
Steve Harr
Dwight Chenette
Mark Knight
Stephen Purves
Charlotte Mather
Lewis Seifert
John Benz
Clark Scott
Gwendolyn MacKenzie

AHCA Staff and Presenters

Lecia Behenna
Michele Morgan
Ryan Perry
Phil Street
Janet Perkins
Debi Gavras
Duane Ashe

Members Absent

Charles Colvert
Dave Ross

Members Attended by Phone

Bill Little
Michael Gingras
Mike Hutchins
Dr. Mark Mckenney
Mike Marks
Steve Short

Welcome

Chairman Phil Williams welcomed everyone to the December 15, 2010, LIP Council meeting. The meeting was held at the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Children in Orlando, Florida and began at 10:00 am. Minutes from the November 15, 2010, LIP Council meeting were approved with no amendments.

Model 9 – Bill Robinson

Bill Robinson began the model discussions with an explanation of his Model 9 to the Council. To accompany his model, Mr. Robinson also provided a two page summary for a more detailed look at his model. This summary also showed changes from his previous model to the newly

presented model. Some of the changes included increased IGT funding while assuming an allocation factor of 12 percent.

Model 10 – Mike Marks

Mike Marks presented his Model 10 to the Council. The goal of Model 10 was to bring more federal money into the State while seeking to reduce LIP funding the hospital systems proportionally to the extent possible relative to the LBC model. In comparison to the LBC model, there is less money available. Mr. Marks explained how his model would spread the difference across the state instead of targeting specific providers. This approach would disperse the LIP funds in a more equitable way.

Model 11 – Gwendolyn MacKenzie

Model 11 was presented to the Council by Gwendolyn MacKenzie. As in her previous model, Ms. MacKenzie used SFY 2008-09 as a base for funding levels without FMAP enhancements. In Model 11, the category of LIP-5 was reduced to zero to maintain the federal funding and broad based exemption program. Also, the allocation factor was reduced to 12.5 percent. She also noted the allocation factor was not applied to IGTs from the hospitals used as a State match for their own exemption adjustments.

Model 12 – Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III

Model 12 was presented to the Council by Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III. For Model 12, a major driver found within is the exemptions category. Dr. Tepas mentioned the importance of pulling down federal funds and optimizing the use of exemptions and buybacks. He also noted that the cost of exemptions were going up. Model 12 was derived from the previous model by Dr. Tepas and focused on the driver of the exemptions and then made sure that all other components of the model were appropriately balanced out.

Model 13 - John Benz

John Benz presented Model 13 to the Council. Model 13 was taken from a base of the 2010/11 model. A priority of this model was to run the buybacks and then the exemptions so the exemptions could be further enhanced out by the model. As a result, any funds left over would be placed in the LIP-5 category. Mr. Benz also prepared worksheets to distribute to the Council which would show the 2008/09 comparison to the Model 13.

Following Mr. Benz presentation of Model 13, ideas of different parameters were discussed among the Council. One issue was in regards to capping any one component within a model and the impact that would have resulted. The question of coming to a consensus on the subject was mentioned, but no action was taken. Other issues such as exemptions, buybacks and allocation factor percentages were discussed at length.

Presentation

Janet Perkins from the Miami-Dade Premium Assistance Program gave her presentation to the Council. Her presentation also included a PowerPoint slideshow which gave a broad overview of the Miami-Dade Health Insurance Utilization Program. Key points within Ms. Perkins' presentation included Target Population, Progress, Demographics and Strategic Enhancements of the program.

Debi Gavaras gave a presentation on the Health Care District of Palm Beach County Premium Assistance Program. Ms. Gavaras included a PowerPoint presentation which gave an overview of the Vita Health and Coordinated Care programs.

Updates

Chairman Williams gave the Council an update on the 1115 Wavier Extension Request. In his update, Chairman Williams reminded the Council of the Agency's ongoing discussions with Federal CMS. He noted the Agency still awaits a formal set of questions regarding the 1115 Wavier Extension request. A result of the dialogue with Federal CMS was obtaining detailed milestones for items that needed to be completed and submitted back to them. Also noted, CMS has suggested that the State develop and propose special terms and conditions specific to the Low Income Pool. Any progress on that matter would be relayed to the Council as it occurs.

Michele Morgan provided the Council with an update on the IGT Technical Advisory Panel. She explained to the Council that a report from the Panel is due to the Legislature on January 1, 2011. Prior to the due date, a conference call is to be held for final recommendations to be made. Also up for discussion during the conference call will be suggestions from panel members of items and key points to be included in the final report.

Duane Ashe, from the Florida Department of Health, presented to the Council an update on the proposed LIP Proviso related to the county health initiatives emphasizing the expansion of primary care services and rural health networks. This update followed a request for modifications to the language from the previous Council meeting. Adjustments and corrections were reviewed and made to the suggested language change. The Council made a motion to approve the new version of the Proviso language.

Lecia Behenna provided the Council with an update regarding exemption history. A handout was available to the Council which provided information on exemption history and what the criteria had been for exemptions over time.

An update on Case Mix information was given by Lecia Behenna. Ms. Behenna supplied a handout of Case Mix scores that was compiled from information provided to the Agency for review.

Presentations

John Benz provided the Council with a copy of the Health Intervention with Targeted Services (HITS) Evaluation. The HITS project is an outreach program of the Memorial Healthcare System.

Closing Comments

Chairman Williams provided some closing comments to the Council. He noted that information of how many facilities were at or near their cost limits, where hospitals fall in terms of range of exemption and updating the exemption cost information based on the January 1, 2011, rates were items to be presented and discussed at the next meeting. Chairman Williams also informed the Council of two additional meetings that are to be publicly noticed for the week of January 24, 2011. This would provide additional time for models to be adjusted and selection of the final model to be presented to the Legislature.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.