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Dear Managed Care Plans:

On August 3, 2022, First Lady Casey DeSantis unveiled Florida Cancer Connect, an initiative that focuses on providing information on cancer treatment, caregiver tools, and stories from Floridians who have fought this disease on one centralized website. The website is located at: flcancerconnect.com. The purpose of this communication is to notify the managed care plans of a new Medicaid managed care plan cancer screening initiative. The Managed Care Plan shall have procedures regarding its disease management programs. (Attachment II, Section VI.E.7.)

The Agency is committed to ensuring Medicaid recipients receive medically necessary care to prevent and detect cancer in its earliest stages. Rates of cancer screening decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic due to diversion of chronic disease efforts and resources. Delayed or missed cancer screenings lead to increased deaths from cancer due to late-stage diagnoses and increased morbidity due to the need for higher intensity treatments for later stage cancers. It has been estimated that cancer screening needs to increase by 1.5-fold to both resume system-level screening and account for missed screenings. Extra health care operational processes are required to achieve this increased cancer screening rate. As such, the Agency will incentivize managed care plans to develop and implement extra processes that lead to increased cancer screening and prevention.

This initiative will run from October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. Claims data will be accepted by the Agency through June 30, 2023. For plans choosing to participate, each managed care plan must designate a cancer screening and prevention representative and an alternate representative to participate in regular video conference meetings with the Agency to share best practices and track progress in the initiative. To participate, the managed care plan must submit the name and contact information for the designated cancer screening representative and alternate representative to their Agency contract manager no later than **5:00 pm EDT, on Tuesday October 4, 2022**. A kickoff video conference meeting for the initiative is planned for **Thursday October 6, 2022, at 3:00 pm EDT**.

If you have questions, please contact your Agency contract manager.

Sincerely,

Tom Wallace
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

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Attachment 1: Cancer Screening Initiative – Methodology

Attachment 2: Cancer Screening Initiative - Authorities

