



Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting

January 8, 2025

MCAC - Meeting Agenda

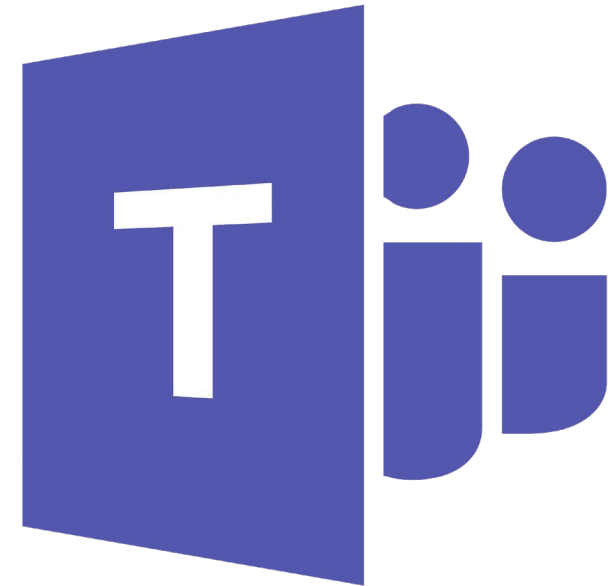
- Welcoming Remarks
- Roll Call
- 1115 Live Healthy Waiver
 - Florida Health Care Workforce Sustainability Section 1115 Demonstration
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Opening Remarks

Brian Meyer
Deputy Secretary, Medicaid

Meeting Logistics

- MCAC Members can un-mute themselves and are welcome to comment or ask questions throughout the meeting.
- All other Teams attendees will remain muted for the duration of the meeting to minimize disruption.
- Attendees who wish to comment or ask questions should use the “Raise your hand” feature. We will recognize you to speak during the specified public comment period.



Roll Call

Mary Lescher
Medicaid

Roll Call

Member	Role	Representing
Secretary Jason Weida Delegate: Brian Meyer, Deputy Secretary for Medicaid	Committee Chair	Agency for Health Care Administration
Director Taylor Hatch Delegate: Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports	Committee Member	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Surgeon General Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD Delegate: Andrea Gary, Director, Division of Children Medical Services	Committee Member	Department of Health
Secretary Shevaun Harris Delegate: Casey Penn, Chief of Staff	Committee Member	Department of Children and Families
Secretary Michelle Branham Delegate: Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community-Based Services	Committee Member	Department of Elder Affairs
David Mica Jr., Executive Vice President, Public Affairs	Committee Member	Florida Hospital Association
Dr. Diane Sanders-Cepeda	Committee Member	Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
Victoria Zepp	Committee Member	Team 180 Consulting
Michael Lawton	Committee Member	Florida Association of Health Plans
Dr. William Marchese	Committee Member	Florida Dental Association
Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP	Committee Member	Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners
Michael Lockwood	Committee Member	Beneficiary



Florida Medicaid

**New Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration for
Florida Health Care Workforce Sustainability
January 8, 2025 & January 10, 2025
Public Meeting**

Demonstration Overview

- On March 22, 2024 Florida enacted the “Live Healthy Act” ([SB7016](#)) to:
 - Strengthen Florida’s health care workforce.
 - Improve access to health care services.
 - Incentivize innovation to establish a more resilient and patient-focused health care delivery system for Florida residents.
- This is a request for a new 5-year Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration to implement key provisions of the Live Healthy Act.



Public Notice and Comment Period

- Before applying to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a new demonstration project, the State must:
 - Provide at least a 30-day public notice and comment period.
 - Publish a public notice document that includes a comprehensive description of the program for at least 30 days prior to submitting the request.
- The public notice document is available at the following link for review and comment from December 11, 2024, through January 24, 2025:
- <https://ahca.myflorida.com/content/download/25534/file/FL%20Workforce%201115%20Demonstration%20Final%2012.9.24.pdf>
- Written comments with the subject “Florida Health Care Workforce Sustainability 1115” can be emailed to FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com or mailed to:

Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, MS#20
Tallahassee, FL 32308



Florida Health Care Workforce Sustainability Public Meetings

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025
1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive
Building 3, Conference Room A
Tallahassee, FL 32308
- Friday, January 10, 2025
10 A.M. – 12 P.M.
Orlando Hurston Complex
400 W Robinson St
North Tower N109, Conference Room 1
Orlando, FL 32801



1115 Research and Demonstration Projects

- Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to approve experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects that are likely to assist in promoting the objectives of the program.
- These demonstrations give states additional flexibility to design and improve their programs.
- States can demonstrate and evaluate policy approaches such as using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs.
- Demonstrations must be “budget neutral” to the federal government, which means that over the course of the project, federal Medicaid expenditures will not be more than federal spending without the 1115 program.



Demonstration Goals

The goals of the demonstration are to improve Medicaid beneficiary access to services and quality of care by:

1. Enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of Florida's health care workforce to meet the evolving needs of the state's diverse population by implementing targeted training and recruitment programs.
2. Improving healthcare access and quality across Florida by strategically addressing workforce shortages and retention challenges through innovative workforce development initiatives supported by federal funding; and,
3. Developing a resilient framework for community-based healthcare workforce initiatives aimed at resolving pediatric nursing concerns highlighted by the Department of Justice, particularly for children enrolled in Medicaid with complex medical conditions.



Proposed Demonstration Program

- Through approval of the demonstration, Florida seeks to sustain four training programs authorized in the Live Healthy Act and the state budget to supplement existing federal initiatives and previously approved Florida programs to:
 - Address the needs of 4.7 million Medicaid enrollees
 - Address the needs of the high proportion of elder residents living in the State of Florida
- The demonstration seeks federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) matching funds to help fund these programs.



Demonstration Component – Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program

Program Benefit Description	TEACH is a workforce training and certification program that will provide funds to participating providers to offset the costs of training residents and students to become licensed health care practitioners that support medically underserved areas.
Eligible Health Care Practitioners or Qualified Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federally qualified health centers Rural health clinics Community mental health centers and certified community behavioral health clinics <p>Provide appropriate supervision or precepting for one or more of the following categories of residents or students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allopathic or osteopathic residents pursuing a primary care specialty Advanced practice registered nursing students pursuing a primary care specialty and nursing students Allopathic or osteopathic medical students Dental residents, Dental students, and Dental hygiene students. Physician assistant students. Behavioral health students, including students studying psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling.
Funding Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For qualified facilities, up to \$75,000 per fiscal year For qualified facilities that also operate a residency program, up to \$100,000 each fiscal year
Funding Award Process	The state will reimburse qualified facilities a quarterly per student hourly rate for clinical training hours by student type.
Eligible Expenses	Clinical training hours



Demonstration Component – Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education (FRAME) Program

Program Benefit Description	FRAME allows for education loan repayment for certain practitioners.
Eligible Health Care Practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical doctors with primary care specialties, including osteopathic medicine • Advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) registered to engage in autonomous practice per Florida law & APRNs • Physician assistants • Mental health professionals, including licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed mental health counselors, and licensed psychologists • Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses <p>Contingent on 25 hours annually of volunteer primary care services in a free clinic or through another volunteer program operated by the state.</p>
Funding Awards	<p>FRAME funds will be awarded for a four-year period of continued proof of practice in a rural or underserved area as designated by Department of Health (DOH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$150,000 for physicians • Up to \$90,000 for APRNs registered to engage in autonomous practice and practicing autonomously • Up to \$75,000 for APRNs and physician assistants • Up to \$75,000 for mental health professionals • Up to \$45,000 for licensed practical nurses and registered nurses
Funding Award Process	The DOH will issue a loan repayment award that equals 25 percent of a practitioner’s principal loan amount at the time he or she applied for the program up to the maximum dollar award at the end of each year that a practitioner participates in the FRAME program and adheres to program requirements.
Eligible Expenses	Costs for tuition, matriculation, registration, books, laboratory and other fees, other educational costs, and reasonable living expenses as determined by the state.



Demonstration Component – Dental Student Loan Repayment Program

Program Benefit Description	The program allows for educational loan repayment for qualified dentists and dental hygienists who treat medically underserved populations in dental health professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas.
Eligible Health Care Practitioners	<p>Dentists & dental hygienists who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate active employment in a public health program or private practice that serves Medicaid recipients and other low-income patients and is located in a dental health professional shortage area or a medically underserved area, and • Volunteer 25 hours per year providing dental services in a free clinic that is located in a dental health professional shortage area or a medically underserved area, through another volunteer program operated by the state.
Funding Awards	<p>Loan reimbursement will equal 20% of the principal loan amount at the time he or she applied for the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$50,000 per year for dentists • Up to \$7,500 per year for dental hygienists
Funding Award Process	The state will issue a loan repayment award to qualified dentists or dental hygienists each year he or she maintains program eligibility, up to a maximum of five awards.
Eligible Expenses	Loan repayment awards can only be used to pay the costs of tuition, books, dental equipment and supplies, uniforms, and reasonable living expenses as determined by the state.



Demonstration Component – Florida Funding Initiative for the Recruitment, Sustainment, and Training of Nursing (FIRST) Program

Program Benefit Description	FIRST will make payments to eligible public teaching hospitals for higher patient care expenses and increased complexity of cases resulting from nursing education.
Qualified Facilities	Public hospitals with residents in a state approved Graduate Medical Education training program as of January 1, 2023
Funding Awards	Semi-annual FIRST payments will equal one-half of the annual computed indirect medical education (IME) payment for eligible teaching hospitals.
Funding Award Process	The state will issue awards based on each hospital's ratio of nursing full-time equivalents to beds and Medicaid inpatient payments. Payments will be calculated using the most recently filed and available Medicare Cost Report.
Eligible Expenses	Public hospital costs associated with operating Graduate Medical Education training programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.



Benefits and Delivery System

- This Demonstration is not providing any direct services to Medicaid enrollees and is not expected to impact eligibility, enrollment, or the managed care delivery system.
- This Demonstration will support training programs for health care professionals who serve Medicaid enrollees.



Potential Program Impact

Program	Projected Participants Per Year	Qualified Participants
Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH)	633 – 844	Qualified health facilities
Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education (FRAME)	2887– 9591	Qualified licensed or certified health care practitioners professionals
Dental Student Loan Repayment Program	459– 3065	Qualified dentists and dental hygienists
Florida Funding Initiative for the Recruitment, Sustainment, and Training of Nursing (FIRST)	13	Qualified public hospitals with residency training programs



Projected Expenditures

- Projected program expenditure for each demonstration year (DY) is:

DY 1	DY 2	DY 3	DY 4	DY 5
\$641,237,255	\$623,965,857	\$611,679,217	\$605,313,202	\$604,109,264



1115 Medicaid Demonstration Public Comment Period

Submit your comments by email to:
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Comments on the demonstration request must be submitted by January 25, 2025



General Public Comments

Brian Meyer

Deputy Secretary, Medicaid

NEXT

- The next meeting: To Be Determined
- Please send your questions or suggested meeting topics to our MCAC liaison Kissa Smith at Kissa.Smith@ahca.myflorida.com.

THANK YOU!

If you have questions or comments about this presentation, please contact us at flmedicaidmanagedcare@ahca.myflorida.com.