

# 1115 MEDS-AD Waiver Post Award Forum

Agency for Health Care  
Administration



# Post Award Forum

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services require States hold a ‘Post Award Forum’ for all 1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers to solicit comments on the progress of the demonstration. The forum must be held within 6 months after the implementation date of the demonstration and annually thereafter.



# Initial Waiver Authorization

- **Initial 5-Year Period (2006-2010):** The 2005 Legislature, through Chapter 2005-60, Laws of Florida, instructed the Agency to seek federal waiver authority to revise Medicaid eligibility coverage for the Medicaid MEDS A/D eligibility group beginning January 1, 2006. On November 22, 2005 the Agency received approval from CMS for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010.



# Renewal Request

- **Three-Year Extension Period (2011-2013):** December 30, 2009 the Agency submitted a 3-year extension request to CMS. On December 14, 2010 the Agency received approval from CMS for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.
- **Authority to Seek Waiver Extension (2014-2016):** June 28, 2013, the Agency submitted another 3-year extension request to CMS for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.
  - ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Temporary Extension:** The Agency received a 1-year temporary extension on August 14, 2013, for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
  - ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Temporary Extension:** On November 21, 2014, the Agency received a second 1-year temporary extension from CMS for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
- **Waiver Extension (2016-2018):** June 30, 2015, the Agency submitted a new 3-year extension request to CMS for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.
  - ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Temporary Extension:** The Agency received a year temporary extension on December 8, 2015, for the period January 1, 2014 through February 29, 2016
  - ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Temporary Extension:** On February 25, 2015, the Agency requested a 60 day temporary extension from CMS for the period March 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016.



# 1115 MEDS-AD Waiver

As authorized in section 409.904(1), Florida Statutes, the MEDS-AD Program provides Medicaid eligibility for individuals who:

- Have a disability or are age 65 or over,
- Income is 88 percent of the federal poverty level or lower, and
- Have assets that do not exceed \$5,000 for individuals or \$6,000 for couples.

and are in one of the following Medicaid eligibility groups:

- Group 1: Medicaid-only eligibles not currently receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.
- Group 2: Medicaid-only eligibles currently receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.
- Group 3: Medicaid and Medicare (dual) eligibles receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.



# Medication Therapy Management Program

Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program provides services to up to 150 MEDS-AD Waiver program recipients.

The goals of the program are to:

- improve the quality of care and prescribing practices based on best-practice guidelines,
- improve patient adherence to medication plans,
- reduce clinical risk, and
- lower prescribed drug costs and the rate of inappropriate spending for certain Medicaid prescription drugs.

The Medication Therapy Management program is only available to recipients not enrolled in a managed care plan.



# Data Mining

- Data mining refers to the practice of electronically sorting Medicaid Management Information Systems claims through sophisticated statistical models and intelligent technologies to uncover patterns and relationships contained within the Medicaid claims and history files. Data mining has the goal of identifying abnormal utilization and billing practices that are potentially fraudulent.
- The goal of the Data Mining under the MEDS-AD waiver is to determine if data mining activities by Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, in conjunction with the Agency's Bureau of Medicaid Program Integrity, results in the recovery of Florida Medicaid funds paid as a result of fraudulent or abusive billing.
- There were a total of 85 data mining analysis requests submitted by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.



# Evaluation

The Agency has contracted with Florida State University to conduct an independent evaluation of the MTM program and Data Mining Activities authorized under Florida's section 1115 MEDS-AD Research and Demonstration Waiver approved by CMS. The evaluation of the MTM program measures the following:

- Number of MEDS-AD participants who receive a Comprehensive Medication Review (CMR), Medication Action Plan and three quarterly follow-up reviews.
- Number and types of recommendations for changes in medication use; number of recommendations communicated to and accepted by the primary care physicians.
- Pre - versus post-intervention utilization of prescribed medications consistent with best practice guidelines and Medicaid policies.
- Pre - versus post-intervention expenditures for pharmacy services, physician visits, hospitalizations, preventable hospitalizations, emergency department visits, institutional services and total Medicaid services.





# Evaluation Outcomes

- Participants gave overwhelmingly positive feedback during qualitative interviews about their experiences in the MTM program. Participants credited the CMR with increasing their knowledge about their medication and positively impacting their health.
- All MTM participants rated the MTM program good or very good overall. They have recommended that the program continue.
- Mean total expenditures per person declined more in the intervention group (MTM program participants) than in a comparison group of non-participants. This finding approached statistical significance.



# Begin Public Comment Period

