

Partnership for Medicaid: Reform Proposal Summaries

On May 1st the Partnership for Medicaid submitted for the Commission's review their detailed Medicaid reform proposals. The full packet of materials is attached, and below is a summary description of each specific proposal along with the reform area and "theme" within which the proposal would fall. Please consider this a supplement to the reform proposal summaries you received on April 20th. An asterisk indicates a specific reform proposal not included in the April 20th document.

Reform Area: Long-Term Care

Theme: Improving Access to Home and Community Based Services

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Medicaid Re-Structuring - States are moving toward re-structuring their Medicaid programs through the use of waivers and managed care, reducing "institutional bias" and developing innovative approaches such as the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Improving Care of Dual Eligibles

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Expand program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Estate Recovery, Reverse Mortgages, and Asset Tests

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Curb inappropriate use of Medicaid estate planning

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: LTC Insurance, LTC Insurance "Partnership" Programs

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Encouraging the purchase of long-term care insurance

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Estate Recovery, Reverse Mortgages, and Asset Tests

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Exploring potential opportunities in the use of home equity

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Reform Area: Quality and Information Technology

Theme: Health Disparities

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Facilitate the establishment of health disparities collaboratives

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Prevention and Disease Management

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Facilitate the establishment of Medicaid provider service networks (PSNs)*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Prevention and Disease Management

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Facilitate the enrollment of SSI populations into Medicaid managed care systems whose provider network is particularly skilled in working with people with disabilities*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Prevention and Disease Management

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Facilitate fee-for-service programs contracting with outside vendors to provide patient assistance in managing their care*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Prevention and Disease Management

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Expand Medicaid disease management programs

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Reform Area: Program Administration

Theme: Financial Reform - General

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Tighten administration of the drug rebate program*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Financial Reform - General

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Increase the basic level of the drug rebate*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Financial Reform - General

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Payment for pharmaceuticals and pharmacist services should be realigned to reflect true costs*

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Financial Reform - General

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Allow Medicaid managed care plans to have access to the drug rebate program for non-340b drugs*

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Financial Reform - General

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Encourage evidence-based formularies*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Financial Reform - General

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Improve collaboration between primary care providers and local hospitals, together with state Medicaid agencies, to improve Medicaid beneficiaries' use of regular sources of care*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Financial Reform - Cost Sharing

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Populations that are currently exempt from cost sharing should remain exempt, including all children and pregnant women*

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Financial Reform - Cost Sharing

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Beneficiaries with income below 100% of poverty (FPL) should pay cost sharing no higher than current [pre-DRA] laws allow*

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Financial Reform - Cost Sharing

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Prohibitions against denial of care for inability to pay should remain*

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Financial Reform – Cost Sharing

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Cost sharing should be income-sensitive for individuals about 100% FPL*

Impacted by the DRA: YES

Theme: Financial Reform – Cost Sharing

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Cost sharing should be simple to apply and administer*

Impacted by the DRA: NO

Theme: Financial Reform – Cost Sharing

Summary of the Specific Proposal: Outer limits should be set to protect those with multiple or chronic conditions*

Impacted by the DRA: YES