

# **Update: Medicaid Reform Evaluation**

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# Objectives

-  Briefly summarize the evaluation plan
-  Report on project activities to date

# Principles of Medicaid Reform

-  Patient responsibility and empowerment
-  Marketplace decisions
-  Bridging public and private coverage
-  Sustainable growth rate

# **Elements of Medicaid Reform**

 **Customized Benefit Packages**

 **Opt-Out Option**

 **Enhanced Benefit Accounts**

 **Choice Counseling**

# Medicaid Reform

- Becomes effective in Broward and Duval Counties on July 1, 2006
- Will extend to Nassau, Clay, and Baker Counties after 1 year
- State wide expansion
  - phased-in
  - dependent on legislative approval

# Medicaid Reform Chronology

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
March 30, 2004	AHCA issued letter requesting public comment on Governor Bush's intention to seek waiver authority from CMS to reform Medicaid
Summer and Fall 2004	Secretary Levine and Senior AHCA officials met with community and other groups across Florida to discuss AHCA's interest in Medicaid Reform
January 11, 2005	Governor Bush released "Florida's Medicaid Modernization Proposal," also known as "The Governor's White Paper" for public and legislative consideration
May 6, 2005	Florida Medicaid Reform authorized by Florida Legislature in SB 838

# Medicaid Reform Chronology



Date	Activity
June 3, 2005	Governor Jeb Bush signed Medicaid reform legislation
Summer 2005	Section 1115 Waiver Application prepared
August 31, 2005	Florida Medicaid Waiver posted on State website for 30 days so public can comment
September 29, 2005	First possible submission date of waiver to the Federal Government
October 3, 2005	Formal submission of Florida's Medicaid reform waiver application to CMS

# Medicaid Reform Chronology

Date	Activity
October 19, 2005	US Department of HHS Secretary Michael O. Leavitt and Governor Bush announce federal approval of Florida's Medicaid reform plan
December 8, 2005	Florida Legislature passed required legislation
December 15, 2005	AHCA appoints nine to the Medicaid Reform Technical Advisory Panel
December 16, 2005	Governor Jeb Bush signs Medicaid Reform Legislation (House Bill 3B) into law



# **Medicaid Reform Evaluation**

-  Federal approval of the Section 1115 Waiver stipulates a comprehensive independent evaluation.
-  Florida Legislature will utilize evaluation results to consider statewide expansion.

# Medicaid Reform Evaluation

- UF contracted by AHCA to conduct five-year evaluation study
- The evaluation study will examine whether or not reform achieves its stated objectives:
  - better health outcomes
  - enrollee satisfaction
  - lower cost
- The health services research team at UF will gather data and complete a series of analyses in three major project areas
  - organizational analyses
  - fiscal analyses
  - the quality of care, outcomes, and enrollee experience analyses

# The Evaluation Team

**Evaluating Medicaid Reform in  
Florida**

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**Florida Advisory  
Committee**

**Technical Advisory  
Committee**

**Organizational  
Studies Analysis**

Christy Lemak

**Fiscal Analysis**




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**Quality of Care,  
Outcomes, and  
Enrollee Experience  
Analysis**




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# Advisory Committees

## Florida Advisory Committee (FAC)

-  ~20 members appointed by AHCA Secretary
-  represents key stakeholders with strong interests in Medicaid Reform
-  meet annually over five years of evaluation project

## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

-  ~5 members appointed by UF research team
-  includes nationally prominent, well-regarded health services researchers with expertise in Medicaid research methodologies
-  meet annually over five years of the evaluation project

# Subproject 1: Organizational Analyses

Organizational Analysis Research Sub-Categories	Data Sources
<p><b>Reform Implementation Analysis</b>            Reform Legislative Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Reform Implementation Process</li> <li>❖ Lessons Learned in Florida</li> <li>❖ Reform Results</li> </ul>	<p>Key informant interviews: the State, legislators, reform health plans, others in demonstration counties</p> <p>Choice Counseling organizations</p>
<p><b>Reform Health Plan Organization Analyses</b>            Reform Plan Number/Distribution/Type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Reasons for Plan Participation</li> <li>❖ Services Offered</li> <li>❖ Specialty Plans</li> <li>❖ Plan Performance</li> <li>❖ Mandatory Assignment/Plan Selection/Plan Changes/Disenrollment</li> </ul>	<p>Reform health plans: organization data, member data, HEDIS and HEDIS-like data, CAHPS data</p> <p>Choice Counseling organization data</p> <p>Documents, literature reviews</p>
<p><b>Analyses of Reform Health Plan Enrollees</b></p>	<p>Reform health plans—CAHPS data</p>
<p><b>Analysis of Choice Counseling Organization</b></p>	<p>Choice Counseling organization</p>

# Subproject 2: Fiscal Analyses

<b>Fiscal Analysis Research Sub-Categories</b>	<b>Data Sources</b>
Managed Care Pilot Programs	Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS)
Opt-Out Program	Managed Care Organizations' reporting systems  AHCA's State Center for Health Statistics
Enhanced Benefit Accounts	Medical Encounter Data System (MEDS)

# **Subproject 3: Quality of Care, Outcomes, and Enrollee Experience Analyses**

<b>Quality of Care, Outcomes, and Enrollee Experience Analysis Sub-Categories</b>	<b>Data Sources</b>
<b>Enrollee Satisfaction</b>	<b>Enrollee telephone survey (CAHPS)</b>
<b>Enrollee Experiences</b>	<b>Longitudinal panel</b>
<b>Enrollee Health Status/Health Outcomes</b>	<b>HEDIS data</b>

# Other

<b>Other Research Sub-Categories</b>	<b>Data Sources</b>
Low Income Pool	Low Income Pool Council



# **Myths, Issues, Concerns, and Questions**

# **Aggressive Timelines**

# **Administrative Challenges**

# **The Key: Choice Counseling**

**Additional information including legislation,  
waiver application, and implementation plan  
can be found at AHCA's official website:**

**[http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/medicaid\\_reform/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/medicaid_reform/index.shtml)**