

# Transitioning Iowa's Medicaid Program and the Federal Waiver Process

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## Medicaid Today

- Medicaid in Iowa currently provides health care assistance to about 560,000 people at a cost of approximately \$4.2 billion dollars annually
- A key budgetary challenge is the increasing costs to provide services and decreasing federal funds to do so
- The cost of delivering this program has grown by 73 percent since 2003
- And, Medicaid total expenditures are projected to grow by 21% in the next three years

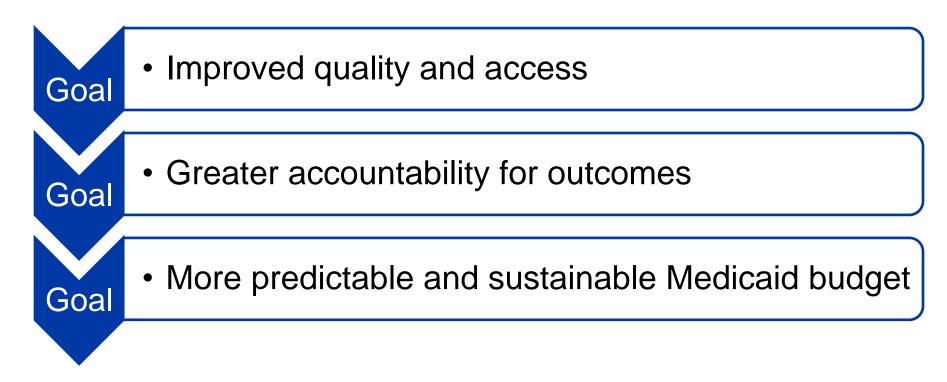


# How Managed Care Works

- Medicaid agencies (Iowa Medicaid Enterprise) contract with managed care organizations (MCOs) to provide and pay for health care services
- DHS will contract with **two to four** managed care organizations
  - Required to provide statewide access
- Services set to begin January 1, 2016
- MCOs establish a network of providers and utilization guidelines



#### Iowa's Goals





### MCO Selection Process To Date

Activity	Timeline and Status
RFP Released	February 16, 2015
Statewide Public Meetings Held	March 2015
Q&A and RFP Amendments Issued	Spring 2015
Bids Due	May 26, 2015 <ul> <li>11 bids received</li> </ul>
Federal Waiver Public Comment Period	July 20, 2015 – August 24, 2015
Notice of Intent to Award	August 17, 2015
Contracts Signed	September 2015
Services Begin	January 1, 2016

#### **Iowa Department of Human Services**

#### Which Members Impacted?

#### Included

- Majority of Medicaid members
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- Iowa Health and Wellness Plan
- Long Term Care
- HCBS Waivers

#### Excluded

- PACE (member option)
- Medically Needy
- Programs where Medicaid already pays premiums: Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP), Eligible for Medicare Savings Program only
- Undocumented persons eligible for short-term emergency services only



### Member Benefits

- Design <u>includes all Medicaid covered</u> <u>medical benefits</u>
  - $\,\circ\,$  No benefit changes, unless due to eligibility or level of care needs
- MCOs will integrate physical health, behavioral health and long term services under one program



### What Services are <u>Included</u>?

- Traditional Medicaid services including medical care in inpatient and outpatient settings, behavioral health care, transportation, etc.
- Facility-based services such as Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children, Mental Health Institutes and State Resource Centers
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver services like HIV/AIDs, Brain Injury, Children's Mental Health waiver, etc.

#### What Services are **Excluded**?

• Dental services will be carved out of MCO coverage



### **Federal Waiver Process**



#### Federal Authorities

- DHS is working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain federal approval for the managed care transition
- New 1915(b) Waiver: Iowa High Quality Healthcare Initiative
  - $\circ$  Five year waiver



### Amendments to Current Waivers

#### **Demonstration Waivers**

- 1115 Iowa Wellness Plan Demonstration Waiver
- 1115 Family Planning Demonstration Waiver

#### **HCBS Waivers**

- Children's Mental Health
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Elderly
- Health and Disability
- Physical Disability
- HIV/AIDS
- Brain Injury



## HCBS Waiver Amendments

- Three waivers available for review currently
  - Children's Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Elderly
- Others still pending approval with CMS and will be released for comment once pending reviews are completed
  - Health and Disability, Physical Disability, Brain Injury, HIV/AIDS



## Public Comment Process

- Purpose is to collect comments <u>specific to the</u> <u>federal waivers and waiver amendments</u>
- Waivers available for 35-day public comment period
  - Submit through Monday, August 24, 2015
- Comments to be compiled and shared with CMS when the waivers are submitted in September



## Public Comment Process

- Comments may be submitted
  - In writing
    - Address comments to: Rick Riley, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315
  - Via email
    - ModernizationWaiverComment@dhs.state.ia.us
  - Verbally at public hearing(s)



# Public Hearing Guidelines

- Public may submit comments to DHS verbally
  - Encouraged to also submit comments in writing
  - $\circ$  Turn in written comments at sign in table
- DHS <u>will not respond</u> to comments and/or questions during the hearing

• Hearing is for collecting comments only

 Each individual will be <u>limited to 5 minutes</u> to ensure attendees have an opportunity to speak



#### Waiver Documents

 Accessible under the Federal Waiver Documents Section of the Medicaid Modernization web page:

http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/MedicaidModernization

 Accessible at any DHS Field Office location throughout the state



#### Where to Comments and Questions

	Contact Information
Federal Waiver Comments	Email: ModernizationWaiverComment@dhs.state.ia.us In Writing: Rick Riley, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Rd., Des Moines, IA 50315
Modernization Stakeholder Questions	Email: MedicaidModernization@dhs.state.ia.us
Modernization Member Questions	Contact Member Services Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Email: IMEMemberServices@dhs.state.ia.us
Modernization Provider Questions	Contact Provider Services Phone: 1-800-338-7909 Email: IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us
Media and Legislators	Contact the DHS Public Information Officer