

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Economic Security Administration



Meeting Title: Medicaid Expansion and Eligibility Subcommittee Meeting (Internal)

Date/Time: 10:00AM - 11:30AM / Thursday, January 12, 2012

Location: 645 H Street NE, 5th Floor

Attendees:

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Agenda:

1. Update on APD
2. Role of Committee members in Work Plan
3. Next Steps

At the beginning of the meeting, Deborah Carroll began with a brief overview of the accomplishments to date, including an overview of the Advanced Planning Document approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as well as the Food and Nutrition Service, the formation of an Eligibility and Enrollment work group, and the research being done by the Crider Group to advise the District on the Basic Health Plan option. She then posed the question about the role the subcommittee participants could play in moving forward on the work plan. The attendees began to brainstorm. Suggestions included:

1. Working closely with the Eligibility and Enrollment work group to inform and advise the group on how their agency interacts with the eligibility process,

2. Facilitate or participate in survey interviews,
3. Facilitate training and focus groups sessions with agency stakeholders- providers of services.
4. Become Subject Matter Experts for agency for communication and messaging.

Jolly Atkins, CFSA, recommended that there be a plan for comprehensive training on the new DC CARES system. Additionally, she mentioned the need to ensure that the necessary information needed for Title IV-E claiming is available. This led to a discussion of how the workgroup should meet with each agency to determine how staff use and access eligibility information. In addition, it was suggested that the new DC CARES system have the ability to create agency profiles that have customized views based on the needs of the agency. There was also discussion on enhancements to existing business processes, including our ongoing effort to move away from paper-based processes and toward interfaces and electronic documents.

Deborah Carroll introduced Dr. Gregory Pappas to the group. He provided a description of the HAHSTA programs and discussed the insurance subsidies HAHSTA pays for customers who have private insurance. He provided a history of the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funds and particularly the mandate that such funds be used as the payer of last resort for HIV drugs. In addition, Dr. Pappas discussed the positive impact of the early conversion of a large portion of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) population to Medicaid under the Childless Adult Waiver. The conversion enabled customers to access comprehensive healthcare services and be served more holistically. Dr. Pappas expressed concern about the future of HRSA funding in light of the changes due to health reform. Many of the community-based organizations (CBOs) that currently serve this population are attempting to become Medicaid providers, but they often do not have the infrastructure to qualify. Further discussion is needed to explore the impact of an online business process and the health plan decisions regarding this client base. The group recommended that Dr. Pappas be involved in the Basic Health Plan and Exchange discussions.

DHCF developed a draft survey instrument for review. Once finalized, DHCF will administer the survey to each of the agencies. DHS and DHCF will be reaching out to agencies/programs not represented on the committee.

Next Steps:

Finalize the survey instrument
Conduct agency surveys

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 10AM
Invite will be sent.