

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

Economic Security Administration



Meeting Title: Medicaid Expansion and Eligibility (ME&E) Subcommittee Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday August 9 , 2012 / 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Department of Human Services (DHS)
645 H St NE, 5th Floor Conference Room
(Note: Room Change to 4th Floor Conference Room)

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Agenda:

- Updates from other Subcommittees
 - Insurance
 - IT
 - Operations/PMO
 - Communications
- Model Insurance Application - Data Elements
- State Verification Plan
- Other Updates
 - Policy Questions
 - HBX Board Meetings
 - User Interface Work Group (Future)
- Q&A

Project Updates

- **Alula provided a brief update from the Insurance Subcommittee**
 - Comment period is still open for stakeholders for input on Plan Management process flows and employer plan selection in the SHOP
 - Continuing to work on QHP Requirements, including EHB selection; anticipate draft release for public comment by late August
 - FAQs have been developed and will be posted to the website
- **Trey provided a brief update on the D.C. Access Project**
 - IT Subcommittee public meetings are on hold while the Integration RFP is out
 - RFP submissions by Integration Vendors are due by 8/16/12
 - On target with detailed work plans for Release 1 requirements
- **Rekha provided a brief update on Operations & Communications**
 - Next Operations meeting will discuss the revenue options for the Exchange and the Navigator Report
 - Ongoing development of the Board section of the website is being done
 - Analyzing results of the Navigator Survey (with Operations Subcommittee)
 - Planning ongoing newsletters and marketing for DCAS roll-out

Model Insurance Application - Data Elements

- Deborah provided a brief summary of the model application. The proposed application data elements have been released. An internal group has met to review the data elements. Outside stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the Subcommittee. Final comments are due back to CMS by 9/4/12.

State Verification Plan

- Danielle gave a detailed presentation about the State Verification Plan. Considerable policy discussion centered around the terms "Reasonable Compatibility" and "Household Size." The State Verification Plan Work Group is on target with policy analysis of various requirements.

Policy Questions

- Alex provided a brief summary of replies and pending questions submitted to and answered by the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, (CMCS).

HBX Exchange Board Meeting

- Deborah gave a summary of the HBX Board meeting held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012
- The Board adopted By-laws and elected a Chairman, Dr. Mohammed Akhter
- Elections for Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer are scheduled for the next meeting to be held on August 21, 2012
- Deborah stated that there is a great need to educate the HBX Board regarding the progress made by the HRIC Subcommittees thus far in various areas of health reform.

User Interface Work Group (Future)

- Deborah announced that a new working group with stakeholders will be formed to help test some of the new components of DCAS. She encouraged outside groups to be a part of this.

QUESTIONS:

1. How will the Alliance program be affected by the ACA?
 - a. The planned Basic Health Plan (BHP) will cover aliens who are here legally but have not yet met the five-year bar. Alliance will still exist for undocumented aliens.
2. How will immigration status be dealt with on the model application?
 - a. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will be part of the Federal Data Hub as a mandatory source of verification.
3. Is the federal government or are the States defining "Reasonable Compatibility"?
 - a. States have flexibility to define "Reasonable Compatibility" within the bounds set forth in the Exchange Eligibility and Medicaid Eligibility Final Rules. However, broadly, an eligibility factor must be considered "Reasonable Compatibility" when the difference between a self-attestation and the data sources would not affect eligibility. Additionally, for the purpose of APTC and CSR calculations, self-attestation of income is automatically "Reasonably Compatible" when it is less than 10% more than the data sources.
4. Has DHS/DHCF thought about reaching out to family legal services, family low income self-help centers; multi-door resolution service, etc., to help educate people about the new "Household Composition" rules and their impact?
 - a. Due to limited resources & staffing, District agencies need to rely on partnerships with outside groups to assist with educating beneficiaries.
5. Outside stakeholders were asked to submit 3 to 4 anecdotal cases from their particular organizations for our policy discussions.
6. How are the income counting rules different at renewal rather than at initial application?
 - a. At both initial application and at renewal, a state has the option of using projected annual income, based on reasonably predictable fluctuations, rather than just current income. However, at renewal only, a state could use annual income rather than current income. A state would choose to do this so as to smooth out lump sum payments.

7. What are the implications of the Level 2 Grant?
 - a. The Level 2 Grant funds the operation of the Exchange through December 31, 2014, and pays for the IT systems.
8. Will the HBX Board members have term limits?
 - a. No, Board members are appointed to terms of specific lengths by the Mayor, and there is no limit on reappointment. Board Officers are elected annually and there are no term limits.

COMMENTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY:

- A consolidated list of the public meetings would be good to have in one place.
Reply: Information about public meetings is available in the regular newsletters. Sign up through www.healthreform.dc.gov or contact Rekha to be added to the distribution list. Additionally, there is a calendar on the website.
- Re: Data Elements for the Model Application:
 - Consider whether eligibility for Ryan White should be on the model application to ensure residents with HIV have access to those resources
 - Incarceration is not mentioned on the model application; it should be
 - Outside stakeholders were encouraged to submit comments to DHS
 - ACTION: Garlinda will share the analysis completed by DHS/ESA
- RE: IRS category “Household Size” and the impact on eligibility:
 - We (DHS/DHCF) have little to no data on the tax filing status of our beneficiaries
 - Many grandparents take care of their grandchildren. De facto “caretaker parents” will be slighted under the new IRS rule; they should be able to take some type of credit on their tax returns
 - Concern about senior population who will have fluctuating income based on assets. i.e., quarterly dividends, 401k
- Foster Care
 - Due to the complexities of the “Aging Out” definitions, an entire work group needs to be devoted to this issue
 - Clear guidance and a process for a seamless transition from MCO to FFS is necessary – CFSA needs a way to “shut down” existing coverage during the transition, especially for pharmaceuticals
- Stakeholder said that DHS had a good track record of asking for outside input on new processes/systems.
- Pleased to hear that HBX Board Members are excited about their role with Health Reform and want to “do something” for their city.

Action Items:

Group	Description	Assigned To	Target Date
ME&E	Follow up on open questions above	All	9/13 (next meeting)
	Follow up email/statement with Jolly on transition of MCO to FFS for Title IV beneficiaries	Alex	
	Claudia asked for outside stakeholders to submit 3 to 4 sample, anecdotal cases as it relates to the new IRS "household size."	Outside stakeholders, (GW Law; Legal Aid Society; Others)	
	Claudia recommended having a meeting in September regarding tax filing status of Medicaid applicants	Claudia	
	Follow up on establishing a task force with advocacy groups focused on the elderly, to understand how ACA will impact grandparent guardians (income calculations from inconsistent sources, out-of-state placements, etc).	Claudia & Alex	
	Garlinda offered to share the analysis completed by DHS/ESA on the application questions	Garlinda	

Next Steps: Next ME&E Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for September 13, 2012