



MEDICAID
Preserving the Program Now and for the Future
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Public Input Working Sessions

Preserving Medicaid

- ◆ Medicaid is a critical safety net health care program for New Mexico
- ◆ 1 out of every 4 New Mexicans receives health care through the Medicaid program
- ◆ Medicaid spending will rise to 16% of our total state budget by next year
- ◆ The number of people relying on the program is growing because of our state's poor economy. The numbers will grow even more in 2014 when newly eligible people come on the program
- ◆ We must do everything we can now to protect and preserve the program and to assure that we spend our limited resources fairly and wisely.



The Four Principles of Medicaid Preservation

Principle 1: Develop and Implement a Comprehensive, Coordinated Service Delivery System

- ◆ Health Plans will provide and manage a full array of services and wellness to acute medical services through home and community-based and long-term care services; this will replace our existing, fragmented systems of care
- ◆ Care Coordination will be at the heart of our comprehensive system of care; members will receive care coordination at appropriate times and at appropriate levels for their health needs.
- ◆ We are seeking additional input about how best to provide for the home and community based needs of all our members; what services do we need more of or less of, and how can we help families keep their loved ones at home whenever possible.
- ◆ We are still thinking about how best to deliver home and community based services to those with developmental disabilities or those needing behavioral health services



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Principle 2: Personal Responsibility

- ◆ Research tells us that everyone (whether insured through Medicaid, Medicare, or privately) uses health care resources more wisely if they have some “skin in the game.”
- ◆ We are looking at various ways to increase everyone’s sense of responsibility; one way is to ask people to help pay a little bit for the cost of their care and another is to reward people who become actively engaged in healthy behaviors.
 - We think the right approach is a combination of both.
- ◆ We have some questions that we will be seeking your help with as we figure out the best ways to increase personal responsibility



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Principle 3: Pay for Performance

- ◆ In today's health care system, health care providers and health plans tend to get paid whether or not the services they provide lead to healthier people.
- ◆ The State is interested in ways to make sure that what we pay for is quality care; care that helps people be as healthy as they can be.
- ◆ We want work with our health care providers to identify the kinds of health outcomes we want for the people we serve and then reward them for achieving those outcomes.



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Principle 4: Administrative Simplicity

- ◆ Right now, our Medicaid program operates under 12 waivers. We want to simplify our system so that we can focus our attention and energy on managing our health plans and working with our health care providers.
- ◆ We believe the right way to do this is to have our whole Medicaid program authorized by a single waiver.



Guidelines for Public Input Meetings

- ◆ Opportunity to help us shape the final design of our program
- ◆ Each group asked to deal with two questions about how we accomplish our four principles
- ◆ Each group selects a spokesperson
- ◆ Next 50-60 minutes work together to give us your group's answer to the questions.
 - At the end of that time, each group will be asked to have their spokesperson share with us the group's answers to the questions.
- ◆ HSD staff will be circulating throughout the room so that we have the best chance to listen to different groups and, perhaps, answer questions that the groups have as they work.



Other Opportunities for Input

- ◆ The State has a several ways for people to submit suggestions and ideas for our Medicaid program.
- ◆ Website: www.hsd.state.nm.us/medicaid.modernization
- ◆ E-mail Address: medicaid.comments@state.nm.us
- ◆ Regular Mail: Medicaid Comments – Human Services Department P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

