



Medicaid Transformation Update

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Agenda

- **Medicaid Transformation Update**
- **Key Milestones in progress**
- **Transformation Priorities Involving DSS**

Medicaid transformation status

Enrollment Broker RFP

In process

**Ombudsman RFI released and
RFP pending**

Key Legislation

HBs 403 and 156 PASSED

Next

Key milestones in progress

**Behavioral
Health
Integration**

Achieved in recent
legislation

PHP Licensure
(HB 156 passed in
July 2018)

PHP RFP

Release within 60
days of passage of
HB 403, Est. mid
August 2018

**1115 Waiver
Approval
by CMS**

In process,
anticipated late
August

**Medicaid Managed Care goes live within 18 months of
CMS approval**

Upcoming:

- Medicaid Program Changes
- County Manager Webinars
- Advanced Medical Home Certification

Branding: NC Medicaid

- **Session Law 2015-245: Division of Medical Assistance to Division of Health Benefits**
- **Effective August 1, 2018**
- **Same positions; 100% of employees chose to move from DMA to DHB**
- **Referred to as “NC Medicaid”**

Transformation Initiatives involving DSS

1

Eligibility and Enrollment

2

Beneficiary Engagement and Outreach

3

Release and award of PHP RFP

Opportunities for DHHS/DSS to work together

- Refine training for DSS staff incl. approach, schedule
- Operationalize implementation of enrollment broker services
 - Eligibility applications
 - Interface with Enrollment Broker
 - EB DSS Liaisons
- Opportunities to disseminate information to beneficiaries
 - Flyers
 - Key messages on monitors

Training Opportunity

- **2018 Social Services Institute**
- **Oct. 17-19, 2018**
- **Two part session (90 minutes each)**
 - **Part I - 1115 waiver status, SL 2018-48, status of Medicaid managed care**
 - **Part II - addresses specific impacts on DSS eligibility processes, how eligibility processing and timelines are impacted by managed care. How NEMT may change and what will change in NCFAST. Identifies training and additional resources are available to DSS staff.**

Future Training topics

All DSS Staff

- Managed care overview and rollout plan
- Roles of DSS, EB, ombudsman, PHPs, LME-MCOs
- Beneficiary outreach plan
- PHP marketing requirements and restrictions
- Medicaid eligibility processing
- NC FAST modifications
- NEMT changes
- Where to find information



DSS Joint State County Relations Meeting 7/10/18

Medicaid Manage Care Key Takeaways

Enrollment Broker

DHHS will select an enrollment broker to support enrollment of beneficiaries into managed care. This third party enrollment broker (EB) will support PHP selection and enrollment for the cross over population and newly eligible beneficiaries.

Once the EB is selected DHHS will host a special meeting with DSS to finalize details on the implementation plan and interface between the EB and DSS.

Beneficiary Engagement

DHHS will initiate beneficiary engagement efforts targeted to reach all Medicaid beneficiaries. The engagement plan for beneficiaries includes information dissemination, outreach and education, beneficiary noticing and choice counseling. Entities with regular beneficiary contact including PHPs, local Departments of Social Services (DSS) offices, EBCI PHHS office(s), local health departments, LME-MCOs, community based organizations, beneficiary call centers will play a pivotal role in providing direction to beneficiaries. Information will be disseminated on “what is managed care”, how members can keep their assigned PCP, what happens with their Medicaid card, keeping contact information up to date, etc.

What can you do now?

Update Demographics

During each contact with beneficiaries or potentially eligible beneficiaries we request that eligibility workers ask “What is your current address, phone number or email address?” and subsequently update this information in NCFAST.

Process Returned Mail

As returned mail is received, please work with other agencies or sources to verify current addresses to ensure the most up to date demographic information is maintained in NCFAST so that recipients receive mailed items in a timely way.

OPEN DISCUSSION

**NC Medicaid Transformation website:
www.ncdhhs.gov/medicaid-transformation**