

SAVE THE DATE

Discussion of Waiver Renewal Concept Paper

Monday, November 2, 2009
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Pacific Time
Department of Health Care Services Auditorium
1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95814

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California's current section 1115 Medicaid waiver entitled Medi-Cal Hospital/Uninsured Care Demonstration expires on August 31, 2010. The Administration and the Legislature have begun planning for a new, more comprehensive 1115 waiver. Recent legislation passed by the California legislature and signed by the Governor (ABx4 6¹) outlines the goals of the comprehensive waiver: strengthen California's health care safety net; reduce the number of uninsured individuals; optimize opportunities to increase federal financial participation; promote long-term, efficient, and effective use of state and local funds; improve health care quality and outcomes; and promote home and community-based care.

DHCS has released a draft of the concept paper that will be submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to initiate discussion on the design of the waiver. California will work with CMS over the subsequent 10 months to develop and secure approval of the waiver application.

We are asking for comments on the concept paper to help in finalizing the draft before sending it to CMS. To facilitate this effort, we invite you to join us for a discussion of the concept paper on **Monday, November 2, 2009, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. Members of the DHCS Executive Management team will present the concept paper and respond to questions, comments, and concerns from participants. If you are not able to participate in the discussion, you may email your comments on or before November 2, 2009, to WaiverRenewal@dhcs.ca.gov. Stakeholder feedback will be captured and used to finalize the draft concept paper.

DHCS is offering **two ways to participate in the discussion**:

- **Attend in person:** You may attend the meeting in person at the address listed above. The auditorium seats 300 people and is wheelchair accessible. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking information is available [here](#). Travel costs will not be reimbursed by the state.
- **Participate via the webinar:** You may participate in the discussion through a webinar using your computer and phone to view the presentation and ask questions. A telephone number and unique audio pin number will be provided once you are registered for the webinar. Simply call the telephone number and follow the directions once connected. Regular and long-distance toll charges will apply. You may also listen to the presentation through your computer if you have external speakers and a microphone. To view the presentation, you will need access to a computer that meets the following requirements*:

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- Cable modem, DSL, or better Internet connection

¹ Assembly Bill X4 6, which can be viewed on the California Legislative Counsel's website at http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill_asm/ab_0001-0050/abx4_6_bill_20090728_chaptered.html.

- Minimum of Pentium® class 1GHz CPU with 512 MB of RAM (recommended) (2 GB of RAM for Windows® Vista)

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- PowerPC G4/G5 or Intel processor (512 MB of RAM or better recommended)

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Additional information about the waiver renewal process is available on our website:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/WaiverRenewal.aspx>.

We hope you will be able to participate in this discussion.