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Re: You're Invited: Managed Care Procurement Stakeholder Engagement

Dear Stakeholders,

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is engaging stakeholders to inform the 2023 procurement of its Medicaid Managed Care Program. EOHHS is seeking feedback on a number of proposed program enhancements, including: (1) a requirement that all Medicaid contracted plans must offer an integrated dual eligible special needs plan (D-SNP) for full benefit dually eligible beneficiaries (FBDEs); and (2) the inclusion of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) as an in-plan benefit for all populations.

Background

EOHHS had originally planned to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in 2021 for the managed care program. There was an extensive stakeholder engagement process in the Fall of 2020, and an RFI for the overall managed care contract was released on March 30, 2021. The RFQ issued in November 2021 was canceled, and Rhode Island is now planning to issue a new procurement for Medicaid managed care in Fall of 2023.

The upcoming stakeholder engagement will focus on new elements being considered for the 2023 managed care contract procurement that were not addressed as part of the 2021 RFI or elements that were not included in the cancelled 2021 solicitation. Elements include:

- Rhode Island's transition from the Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI) Demonstration Medicare/Medicaid Plan (MMP) to Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP).
- The inclusion of long-term services and supports (LTSS) as an in-plan benefit for all populations including full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries through a comprehensive Medicaid managed care plan with Managed LTSS (MLTSS).
- The proposed re-procurement process in which participating managed care organizations (MCOs) will be required to offer MLTSS and integrated D-SNPs.
- Other potential new components of the Medicaid Managed Care Core Contract that are not related to D-SNPs or MLTSS but provide opportunities to enhance the program to offer high quality, cost-effective managed care for Rhode Island's Medicaid managed care members.

Meeting Schedule

EOHHS invites you to participate in this process. We will be holding four in-person sessions taking place at **Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI, 02920, Conference Room 73-1**. We hope you join us at the times below:

Focus	#	Topic	Date and Time
New Programs and Enhancements for Dual Eligible Populations and MLTSS	1	MMP Transition Plan Member Choice and Enrollment Procurement Timeline	Monday, April 24 th 4:00-5:00 PM EST
	2	D-SNP Contract Requirements Covered Services Fiscal Considerations	Thursday, April 27 th 4:00-5:00 PM EST
	3	Care Coordination & HCBS Service Planning Quality Special Populations Provider Partnerships & Network Capacity	Monday, May 1 st 4:00-5:00 PM EST
Other Program Enhancements and Refinements	4	New Core Contract Elements	Wednesday, May 3 rd 8:30-9:30 AM EST