

## Assessing the Impact of California's 1115 Waiver Forum with Ryan White Medical Providers

### MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 13, 2011 1:00PM – 4:00PM

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	County of Los Angeles-Department of Public Health Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP)
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Forum with Ryan White Medical Providers
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Mario J. Pérez Director, OAPP
<b>NOTE TAKERS</b>	OAPP Staff
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	(Sign-In Sheet)

### Agenda Topics

1:20-2:00 PM      OVERVIEW: HEALTH CARE REFORM      JULIE CROSS  
AND CALIFORNIA'S 1115 WAIVER      OAPP CONSULTANT

#### Presentation and Discussion:

1. Reviewed the two primary elements of the 1115 Waiver that are expected to impact persons living with HIV/AIDS:
  - Mandatory migration of Medi-Cal eligible seniors and persons with disabilities (SPDs) to managed care plans
    - Begins June 2011, Rolling enrollment based on birth month
  - Low Income Health Plans (LIHPs)
    - Medicaid Coverage Expansion (MCE) and Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI).
2. Briefly examined basic aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:
  - Reviewed 2014 health coverage options for the uninsured;
  - Medicaid Expansion, Health Insurance Exchange.
3. Reviewed potential impact on Ryan White funded systems of medical care:
  - Examined % of Ryan White funded clients expected to transition to new payer systems under the 1115 Waiver and under full implementation of Health Care Reform in 2014.

2:00-2:30 PM	LA CARE HEALTH PLAN: 1115 WAIVER AND HIV PATIENTS	ESTELLA MARTINEZ Director, Provider Network Operations, LA Care
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Presentation and Discussion:

1. Examined procedures for mandatory enrollment of seniors and persons with disabilities (SPDs) in managed care:
  - Reviewed voluntary and exempt populations;
  - Continuity of care issues (staying with current medical provider);
  - Consumer education and outreach;
    - LA Care contracted with Neighborhood Legal Services to do outreach.
2. Explored issues from the managed care plan's perspective
  - Los Angeles County's second Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (two-plan model), Health Net, was not able to attend
  - Discussed issues related to contracting, primary care providers and referrals.

3:00-3:45PM	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: 1115 WAIVER & HIV PATIENTS	JOHN SCHUNHOFF Chief Deputy Director, LA County Department of Health Services
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*Co-Presenter: Irene Dyer, Director, LA County Department of Health Services, Office of Planning*

Presentation and Discussion:

1. In-depth overview of Los Angeles County's Low Income Health Program (LIHP), "Healthy Way LA":
  - Implementation of coverage for the uninsured through Medicaid Coverage Expansion (MCE) initiative (-133% FPL);
  - Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI) (Coverage for 134% up to 200% FPL) postponed until July 1, 2012;
  - Reviewed enrollment projections and enrollment strategies;
  - Timelines (still waiting for LIHP application approval from CMS).
2. Discussion regarding "Healthy Way LA" covered benefits and network adequacy:
  - Contracting with new hospital facilities (SG Valley, Antelope Valley, West LA) to expand access;
  - Reviewed mental health benefit;
  - Reviewed access requirements.
3. Discussion regarding coverage of persons with HIV under "Healthy Way LA":
  - This issue is still being explored by DHS staff;
  - Concerns regarding "Healthy Way LA's" ability to cover the high-cost of HIV medications;

- Discussed enrollment scenarios if Ryan White supported patient presented in a DHS emergency room or other DHS site;
- Discussed expanded specialty and inpatient services covered under the MCE vs. the Ryan White funded care.

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GROUP DISCUSSION

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1. Attempted to obtain details regarding 1115 Waiver activities that Ryan White supported medical providers are engaging in:
  - Limited group sharing.
  - Group used this time to continue to ask clarifying questions of the panel.
  - OAPP will survey providers to obtain information.

3:45-4:00PM

NEXT STEPS

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1. Survey Ryan White Medical Outpatient Providers
  - Data: Number of SPDs transitioning to managed care
  - Number of current managed care contracts
  - Transition plans for patients
2. OAPP will provide site specific Case Watch data with providers
3. OAPP will share LA Care and DHCS (Medi-Cal) managed care sample outreach materials
4. OAPP will continue to attempt to engage Health Net in discussions regarding the HIV population
5. OAPP will continue to attempt to clarify continuity rules (allowing patients to delay managed care enrollment to stay with current provider) and will share information as it becomes available.
6. OAPP will continue to work with DHS to develop policies related to uninsured persons with HIV securing health coverage under the LIHPs, "Healthy Way LA".