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Section 1115 Demonstrations: New Mexico Centennial Care

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About the New Mexico Centennial Care

According to information provided by the State, Centennial Care proposes to create a comprehensive managed care delivery system in New Mexico under which contracted health plans will offer the full array of current Medicaid services, including acute, behavioral health, home and community based and long term institutional care. This proposal would combine existing section 1915(b), 1915©, and 1115 waivers under a comprehensive demonstration project. Additional waivers and expenditure authorities are requested for various programmatic and financing changes, including increased cost sharing for non-emergent use of the ER and credits for healthy behaviors. The State also seeks to continue its financial support for Sole Community Providers, and to use some of the funds to support projects proposed by hospitals that will support the growth of the health care infrastructure of the State.

Status: Pending New Demonstration Request, Open for public comment

Public Comment Period: September 5, 2012-October 5, 2012

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How will savings be achieved for children and others already in managed care?

New Mexico's waiver application does not contain sufficient information to truly understand the budget projections and calculations. Moving to managed care would not generate savings among beneficiaries already covered by managed care without other program changes, yet the state's waiver application predicts savings from populations already in managed care, including children insured through Medicaid and CHIP.

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Dont try to fix anything that needs no fixing. I think this upcoming new waiver is a terrible idea, Which will cause program centered supwel

Dont try to fix what doesnt need fixing. Youll send us back to the horiffic institutionalized/ dark ages methodology. Our current waiver gives individuals an actual life. It is life which brings on the problems. Our current waiver is person centered and will improve. Give us a chance to prove that weve moved foward so-much. Do not start tieing up a noose on our best ideal waiver. Just let us be please! I understand our country's deficit has much to do with this disasterous change of waiver. but dont take it out on us, giver us less budget alotment, but...[more](#)

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Don't force people to change providers if their present ones are helping a lot! The uncertainty of all this change is horrible for us.

We need to know now if our daughter's present providers will continue under this new system. Otherwise we are thrown into turmoll yet again and it is terrible for a person with autism, o/cd, anxiety, depression, mr, bipolar disorder etc. The State is playing with fire but it is families and individuals who will pay the price

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PROTECT DUAL ELIGIBLES FROM CENTENNIAL CARE

Dual Eligibles ["Duals"] are beneficiaries who have both Medicare and Medicaid coverage. As a group they have disproportionately greater, and more chronic, impairments than Medicare or Medicaid beneficiaries generally. Section 2602 of the Affordable Care Act specifically and specially called for improving Duals' access to services, care integration, continuity, transitions, and understanding of coverage rights. Yet rather than honor that provision HSD has insisted on lumping 40,000 New Mexico Duals into Centennial Care, where they will comprise less than 10% of the enrollee population.

The Mandy Pino Center believes Duals should not be required to enroll in Centennial Care. There...[more](#)

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Protect Behavioral Health Care Dollars

Youth Development, Inc. (YDI) supports specific language to protect behavioral health care dollars. We believe that language should be inserted to ensure that behavioral health funding is not "subsumed" by primary health.

We agree with concerns that emerged in 2011 by the New Mexico Behavioral Health Expert Panel, including 50 behavioral health state experts, that "behavioral health funding and accountability for this funding must be tracked separately and not co-mingled with funding for physical health." The panel said that we must "maximize dollars to consumers (services) and minimize dollars for administration." Finally, "dollars saved through efficiencies need to go back...[more](#)

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Expand access to long term services but don't put an arbitrary cap on benefits

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Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM) supports the proposed expansion of access to long term services without having to be in a waiver slot, but we believe that limiting community-based services to no more than the cost of nursing home placement violates the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The state's proposal allows all income-eligible Medicaid participants who meet the nursing home level of care to access a wide variety of community-based services, most of which are now available only to those in the Disabled and Elderly (CoLTS) waiver program. These services include assisted living, employment supports, emergency response, environmental modifications, skilled...[more](#)

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Fees for emergency room use harm low income families

The New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty remains very concerned with the state's plan to impose fees on Medicaid beneficiaries for non-emergency use of the ER. This proposal fails to satisfy either the legal or policy goals of a Section 1115 waiver. First, the state intends to seek a waiver that exceeds federally permissible limits for children and adults between 100% and 150% FPL. Second, the state's proposal fails to meet the requirements of Section 1916(f) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, which permits exemptions to Medicaid cost-sharing protections for individuals over 100% FPL only if they...[more](#)

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New Mexico families and children with autism are faced with a lack of timely diagnosis.

The State needs to fund autism providers outside of UNM who are qualified to conduct diagnostic evaluations. Families are currently waiting from 9 months to over a year to get a diagnosis.

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Develop, Implement, and Expand services for persons with autism spectrum disorder

Expand applied behavioral analysis benefits to children with autism from ages 0-8.
Develop services within behavioral health to meet the needs of older children with autism
Develop services within behavioral health to meet the needs of adults who are not eligible for the DD Waiver
Expand Comprehensive Community Support Services to include children and adults with autism
Develop health homes for individuals with autism and challenging behaviors

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Consistency in administrative processes

The New Mexico Youth Provider Alliance (NMYPA) is the largest organization of behavioral health agencies in the State. The NMYPA is a non-profit advocacy organization, comprised of 37 member agencies across New Mexico, serving over sixty thousand children and families a year. Our organization advocates on behalf of our members, and thousands of New Mexican children and families. Our member agencies serve many of the most vulnerable children and families in the State, including families dealing with mental health, substance abuse, and the effects of physical abuse and neglect. Our member agencies collectively employ five thousand (5000) New Mexicans each...[more](#)

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