

LANDMARK CHANGES IN MEDICAID

As you know, the state of Illinois is currently undergoing landmark changes in Medicaid and expanding managed care. By statute, at least 50% of the individuals covered under Medicaid will be enrolled in a care coordination program by January 1, 2015. This means that at least 1.5 million of Illinois' Medicaid clients – children, parents, seniors, and disabled persons, will be served by an integrated healthcare delivery system that will include behavioral health and disability supports. Higher participation targets and Medicaid expansion may increase dramatically the number of clients going into managed care.

Many providers and advocates have questions about the impact of these changes and how they will affect services in Illinois. We have a commitment from the Office of the Governor and Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to answer all questions regarding Medicaid Reform and Managed Care/Care Coordination Initiatives. For maximum visibility, please submit questions regarding these important issues to my office by December 3rd. DHS will work to ensure that questions are answered on a timely basis.

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Please submit your questions via email to LaDonna.D.Williams@illinois.gov.