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## Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert April 2015

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### Provider Type(s): All

### Public Notice for the Proposed LIP Amendment

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) will host three public meetings to solicit public input on an upcoming amendment request for Florida's 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Waiver. The State is seeking federal authority to amend Florida's 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00206/4) to redesign elements of the Low Income Pool (LIP) and extend the program until June 30, 2017. The newly redesigned LIP program ensures access to care for low income populations that are not eligible to participate in Medicaid or other subsidized coverage programs and complements the MMA program by strengthening connections between critical safety net providers and the MMA program.

The request to redesign and continue funding of LIP is in response to discussions with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about how best to structure the pool in light of new and different coverage opportunities for low income Floridians: Florida's Medicaid program's shift to the MMA program as well as opportunities available under the Affordable Care Act.

The State contracted with Navigant Consulting Incorporated to conduct the CMS required study on the LIP program. The study concluded that the LIP program would need to continue in Florida even if all coverage options were fully

exploited. In response to these findings and discussions with CMS, the redesigned LIP program contains the following features:

- Reduced linkage of payments to local source of funding and
- Continued focus on maintaining access and quality of care to vulnerable populations.

The State is not requesting authority to make any changes to the MMA program as authorized under this waiver. The State is seeking waiver and expenditure authority to redesign and extend the LIP program. Specifically, the State seeks expenditure authority of Section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act for expenditures for uncompensated care costs incurred by providers for health care services to uninsured and or underinsured, and associated projects to support such care through the redesigned LIP program.

During the meetings, the Agency will provide a description of the amendment request; and time for public comments. *Please visit* [http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide\\_mc/mma\\_fed\\_auth\\_amend\\_waiver\\_2015-04.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide_mc/mma_fed_auth_amend_waiver_2015-04.shtml) for more information on the public meetings, information on submitting comments, and to view a comprehensive description of the waiver amendment request.

The MMA Waiver amendment meetings will take place:

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

University of Central Florida, College of Medicine,  
Lewis Auditorium Health Sciences Campus  
6850 Lake Nona Blvd  
Orlando, FL 32827-7408  
Conference Line: [1-877-809-7263](tel:1-877-809-7263)  
Participant Code: 498 365 37#

**Thursday, April 30, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Agency for Health Care Administration  
8333 NW 53rd Street  
Suite 200  
Doral, FL 33166  
Conference Line: [1-877-299-4502](tel:1-877-299-4502)  
Participant Code: 229 029 90#

**Friday, May 1, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Agency for Health Care Administration  
2727 Mahan Drive Building 3, Conference Room A  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
Conference Line: [1-877-299-4502](tel:1-877-299-4502)  
Participant Code: 265 591 27#

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Heather Morrison at [\(850\) 412-4034](tel:8504124034) or by email at [Heather.Morrison@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:Heather.Morrison@ahca.myflorida.com).

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, [1 \(800\) 955-8771](tel:18009558771) (TTY) or [1 \(800\) 955-8770](tel:18009558770) (Voice). In addition to at the public meetings, comments can be submitted via mail or email. Comments will be accepted from April 21 - May 22, 2015.

**Mail comments and suggestions to:**

1115 MMA Waiver Amendment Request  
Office of the Deputy Secretary for Medicaid  
Agency for Health Care Administration  
2727 Mahan Drive, MS #8  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

**E-mail comments and suggestions to:**

[FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com) with “1115 MMA Waiver Amendment Request” referenced in the subject line.

Additional information about the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program can be accessed by visiting [www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC](http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC). Specific information about the waiver amendment and all federal authorities sought and granted can be viewed under the *Federal Authorities* tab.

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