



## Statement from the Medicaid Director

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**Statement from Medicaid Director Justin Senior inviting Providers  
to Provide Input about SMMC Managed Medical Assistance Bidders**

**TALLAHASSEE** —“On behalf of the Agency’s leadership team, I am pleased that the Agency received 182 submissions from 27 health plans, including HMOs and PSNs, in response to its Invitations to Negotiate. Successful implementation of the managed medical assistance program will require the Agency to choose the best health plans in each of the state’s 11 Medicaid regions to provide medical assistance to the Medicaid population.

“The Agency believes it is important to hear from providers who have worked with the plans with which we may contract. As such, in addition to the proposals submitted by the plans, the Agency will take into consideration comments from Medicaid providers as part of the overall evaluation of each plan. We welcome providers to submit written comments via the online tool.”

*The Agency published Invitations to Negotiate in December 2012 asking health plans to submit proposals for providing medical services.*

*As published in the March 25, 2013 Florida Administrative Register (FAR), providers may submit comments to the Agency through an online survey tool published on the SMMC website at [http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide\\_mc](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc).*

*Comments shall be submitted to the Agency by April 17, 2013, at 5:00 PM, EDT. The Agency will consider each distinct comment only once. Additionally, the Agency will only consider comments submitted by enrolled Medicaid providers within the same region as the specifically identified plan participating in the procurement.*

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