

Extension request for Florida's 1115 MEDS-AD Waiver

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Waiver Authorization

- **Initial 5-Year Period (2006-2010):** The 2005 Legislature, through chapter 2005-60, Laws of Florida, instructed the Agency to seek federal waiver authority to revise Medicaid eligibility coverage for the Medicaid MEDS A/D eligibility group beginning January 1, 2006. On November 22, 2005 the Agency received approval from CMS for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010.
- **Three-Year Extension Period (2011-2013):** December 30, 2009 the Agency submitted a 3-year extension request to CMS. On December 14, 2010 the Agency received approval from CMS for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.
- **Authority to Seek Waiver Extension (2014-2016):** June 28, 2013, the Agency submitted another 3-year extension request to CMS for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.
 - ❖ **1st Temporary Extension:** The Agency received a 1-year temporary extension on August 14, 2013, for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
 - ❖ **2nd Temporary Extension:** On November 21, 2014, the Agency received a second 1-year temporary extension from CMS for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.



Extension of the 1115 Waiver

- **Federal Waiver Extension Requirements:** Florida is required to publish on the Agency's website a "Public Notice" document for public input 30 days prior to submitting the waiver extension request. The document must include a comprehensive description of the program and the information outlined on the next slide.
- The public notice document is available at the following link for review and comment from May 21, 2015 to June 20, 2015.
- http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/MEDS-AD/MED_AD_1115_Waiver_2015-06.shtml
- Written comments may be e-mailed to FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com or mailed to:

1115 MEDS-AD Waiver Extension Request
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1115 MEDS-AD Waiver

As authorized in 409.904(1), Florida Statutes, the MEDS-AD Program provides Medicaid eligibility for individuals who:

- Have a disability or are age 65 or over,
- Income is 88 percent of the federal poverty level or lower, and
- Have assets that do not exceed \$5,000 for individuals or \$6,000 for couples.

and are in one of the following Medicaid eligibility groups:

- Group 1: Medicaid-only eligibles not currently receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.
- Group 2: Medicaid-only eligibles currently receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.
- Group 3: Medicaid and Medicare (dual) eligibles receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.



Medication Therapy Management Program

Medicaid Drug Therapy Management (MTM) Program provides services to Medicaid assigned to the MEDS-AD Waiver program. The goals of the program are to:

- improve the quality of care and prescribing practices based on best-practice guidelines,
- improve patient adherence to medication plans,
- reduce clinical risk, and
- lower prescribed drug costs and the rate of inappropriate spending for certain Medicaid prescription drugs.

Currently, the MTM program is only available to recipients not enrolled in a managed care plan. During the renewal period the Agency plans to launch a pilot program to expand the MTM program services to include recipients enrolled in managed care.



Data Mining

- Data mining refers to the practice of electronically sorting Medicaid Management Information Systems claims through sophisticated statistical models and intelligent technologies to uncover patterns and relationships contained within the Medicaid claims and history files. Data mining has the goal of identifying abnormal utilization and billing practices that are potentially fraudulent.



Evaluation

The Agency has contracted with Florida State University to conduct an independent evaluation of the MTM program and Data Mining Activities authorized under Florida's section 1115 MEDS-AD Research and Demonstration Waiver approved by CMS. The evaluation of the MTM program measures the following:

- Number of MEDS-AD participants who receive a CMR, Medication Action Plan and three quarterly follow-up reviews.
- Number and types of recommendations for changes in medication use; number of recommendations communicated to and accepted by the primary care physicians.
- Pre- versus post-intervention utilization of prescribed medications consistent with best practice guidelines and Medicaid policies.
- Pre- versus post-intervention expenditures for pharmacy services, physician visits, hospitalizations, preventable hospitalizations, emergency department visits, institutional services and total Medicaid services.



Public Meetings

Schedule of Public Meetings		
Location	Date	Time
<p>Tampa</p> <p>Agency for Health Care Administration 6800 North Dale Mabry Highway Main Training Room Tampa, FL 33614</p> <p>Conference Call-in: 1-877-299-4502 Participant Code: 905 751 44#</p>	June 1, 2015	1:00 – 2:30 P.M.
<p>Tallahassee</p> <p>Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive Building 3, Conference Room A Tallahassee, Florida 32308</p> <p>Conference Call-in: 1-877-299-4502 Participant Code: 433 017 68#</p>	June 2, 2015	1:00 – 2:30 P.M.



Begin Public Comment Period

