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Fiscal Condition of the States

- Overall fiscal condition of states continues to improve
- Medicaid is no longer surpassing K-12 education as the largest state expense
- State Medicaid growth is predicted at 6.3% for fiscal year 2007

Federal Changes to Watch

- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
- Proposed Administrative Rule Changes
- Medicaid Commission
- Entitlement Commission

Trends in Health Care Reform

- Defined Contributions
- Personal Responsibility
- Emphasis on Prevention
- Universal Coverage
- Public/Private Partnerships



FLORIDA

- The *Florida Medicaid Reform 1115* waiver was approved on October 19, 2005.
 - Shifts beneficiaries into managed care.
 - Spending growth capped at 8% five years.



FLORIDA

- Enhanced Benefit Plan
 - State will set aside an aggregate amount into an account to fund enhanced benefits for each enrollee.
 - Funded through savings from the waiver.



MARYLAND

- The Fair Share Health Care Fund was enacted on January 12, 2006, after the legislature overrode the Governor's veto.
 - The law would have required employers in Maryland with 10,000 or more employees to spend at least 8% of payroll costs on health care or contribute to a state fund for the uninsured.



VERMONT

- Vermont's *Global Commitment to Health* 1115 waiver was approved on September 27, 2005.
- The waiver establishes the state as a managed care company.



VERMONT

- Key Program Features
 - Care Coordination
 - Disease Management



VERMONT

- Catamount Health
 - Private insurers in the small group market will offer Catamount Health, a comprehensive insurance package covering primary care, chronic care, and hospital services.
 - Individuals may choose which insurer they would like to use.



WEST VIRGINIA

- West Virginia's Medicaid Redesign State Plan Amendment (SPA) was approved on May 3, 2006.
 - New authority under Deficit Reduction Act.
 - The redesigned basic and enhanced benefit packages will serve healthy adults and children.
 - Benchmark benefits are comparable to the minimum required Medicaid benefit packages and include EPSDT for children.



IDAHO

- Idaho's Medicaid Reform State Plan Amendment (SPA) was approved on May 19, 2006.
 - Targeted benefit packages for:
 - Low-income children and adults with children
 - Individuals with disabilities or special health needs
 - Dual eligibles that are enrolled in certain Medicare Advantage Plans.



IDAHO

- Each benefit package will include Prevention and Health Assistance (PHA) benefits
 - Individualized benefits to address targeted health behaviors
 - Used to purchase goods and services related to those behaviors



KENTUCKY

- Kentucky Medicaid Reform
 - Targeted benefit packages for:
 - Most children including the SCHIP children
 - General Medicaid population
 - Individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities in need of long term care
 - Elderly in need of nursing facility level of care



KENTUCKY

- Beneficiaries are encouraged to opt in to private employer sponsored insurance (ESI)
- Includes targeted disease management for voluntary participation of individuals with certain diagnoses



LOUISIANA

- Charter was signed on July 17, 2006 to create the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative.
- A health care system will be developed to:
 - emphasize personal responsibility,
 - create “medical homes,”
 - use electronic communications, &
 - consider emergency preparedness.



OKLAHOMA

- The *O-EPIC* Premium Assistance Program pays part of the health plan premium for eligible low-income employees working for qualifying Oklahoma small businesses.
 - Created under an 1115 HIFA waiver.
 - The program came about as a result of rising costs and increased number of uninsured.



ARKANSAS

Arkansas Safety Net Benefit Program increases health insurance coverage through a public/private partnership.

- Demonstration is designed to allow employers who have not previously provided health care coverage to their employees to do so.
 - Includes a limited “safety-net” benefit package. Premiums for individuals will not exceed \$15 per month.
 - Created under an 1115 HIFA waiver.



MINNESOTA

- QCare (Quality Care and Rewarding Excellence)
 - Sets a quality standard to reward top-performing providers



OHIO

- Transparency Plan
 - Ohio hospitals must disclose more performance and cost information to consumers via the internet
 - Consumers will be able to search by hospital, medical procedure, or geographic region

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