Heath Innovations for Washington: Medicaid CMMI Request/Waiver Update

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Health Innovation for Washington

Overview of today's discussion:

- Brief background
- Overview of E2SSB 5596 /HIW alignment
- Federal engagement process and status



Health Innovation for Washington

...is based on Governor Gregoire's 5 principles for health care:

- Emphasize evidence-based health care
- Promote prevention, healthy lifestyles and healthy choices
- Better chronic care management
- Create more transparency for clients and providers
- Make better use of information technology



Health Innovation for Washington

...has a goal of bending the cost curve to no more than 4.0 percent annual per capita by 2014

- Per capita health care inflation in Washington held to 2.6 percent last year
- National average of 4.2 percent

while maintaining or improving health outcomes



Health Innovations for Washington

...includes 5 general areas of reform

- Value-Based Benefit and Payment Reforms
- Delivery System Reforms
- Consumer Engagement
- Prevention and Wellness
- Administrative Simplification



WA is asking federal government for:

- Flexibility to accommodate influx of new Medicaid enrollees in 2014
- Fiscal resources to support analysis, design and stakeholdering
- Technical assistance

Goal:

To determine federal boundaries by September



Progress is being made through:

Planning opportunities made available by CMS
Alignment of HIW and E2SSB 5596 components

- Cost-sharing limited, reasonable, enforceable
- Reimbursement innovation
- Ability to adopt Affordable Care Act (ACA) essential benefits
- Streamlined eligibility determination (using MAGI)

Weekly MSTAT meetings with CMS and CMMI
Monthly partnering discussions with Oregon



Stakeholdering is Essential

Planning for two levels of engagement:

- High-level general discussion and policy overview
- Specific engagement on substance through targeted project workgroups

Assistance from CMS doubtful

More details to come

