
From: Jane Pierson
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Subject: FW: HFIN Question about PCCM - section 29

Helen,

Can you please distribute?

Thanks,

Jane

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Jane and Heather:

This is in response to Rep. Wilson's question yesterday in the House Finance hearing on SB 74:

Is the Primary Care Case Management system required under Section 29 mandated for Medicaid enrollees, or is it optional for them? Will Medicaid enrollees be required to participate?

Section 29 of SB 74 requires the department to establish a Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) system in which certain Medicaid enrollees would be required to enroll. The only group of Medicaid enrollees specifically required to enroll in PCCM under this Section is enrollees with multiple hospitalizations (with some exceptions). This Section authorizes the department to establish enrollment criteria and determine eligibility for PCCM services, so there is a potential for additional enrollees who meet other criteria defined by the department to be required to enroll.

The department's preliminary plan for implementing this Section is to contract with one or more PCCM agencies to provide case management services for enrollees. Enrollment in this program would be voluntary from the enrollee's perspective at first, except for those with multiple hospitalizations. Over time, as the department evaluates the effectiveness of the program and identifies other groups of enrollees who could benefit from this service, the department may phase in mandatory participation for additional groups.

Please share this response with Rep. Wilson and other committee members.

Thank you,

Tony

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Subject: RE: HFIN Question about PCCM - section 29

Heather,

I would agree with your take on this. This provision is intended to get some people into a case management system with tighter utilization controls. Under the language of the law, we would expect this participation (for an identified subgroup of the Medicaid population) to be required to choose or be assigned a case manager and some services would require a referral from the case manager before paying. It specifically identifies people with frequent hospitalizations as a required target population.

This specific option is different from, though not incompatible with, the goal of ensuring that everyone has a primary care provider. You could easily build a tiered model of care management around primary care; in fact, the health homes option in Section 30 envisions just such a tiered model.

I think we should be able put something together. I will work with Tony to make sure that we get you what you need.

Jon

From: Heather Shadduck [<mailto:Heather.Shadduck@akleg.gov>]
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Subject: HFIN Question about PCCM - section 29

Hi Jon and Margaret –

I think the only question I was really thrown a loop by was Rep. Wilson's about every provider being enrolled in PCCM per section 29. I think this would still technically be an "optional service" but mandatory for specific Medicaid recipients that the division of HCS identifies. How are you envisioning this? I think this PCCM is different than our intent that everyone has an actual primary care provider.

If you want to write up a response page or something that can be provided to the HFIN committee, I can submit it.

Excluding the PDMP provisions, I believe the other follow up questions were from Stacie and Dept of Law at this time.

Thanks!

Heather Shadduck
Staff to Senator Pete Kelly

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