

Medicaid/NCHC Enrollment and Eligibility

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Health Care Reform

- **Most eligibility provisions effective 1/1/14**
- **Affect Medicaid and NCHC**
- **New Enrollment**
 - Currently eligible, but not enrolled
 - Newly eligible
- **Interface with Exchange**

Application-Automation and Streamlining

- **Individuals/families** - will be able to apply through DSS, Exchange and other methods
- **How to Apply: Current**
 - In-person
 - Mail
- **How to Apply: ACA**
 - Electronically
 - In-person
 - Telephone
 - Fax
 - Mail

Applying for Medicaid/NCHC

- **Single streamlined application for Exchange Tax Credits and Medicaid/NCHC**
 - CMS in process of developing model application
 - Applies to paper and electronic
 - States can develop alternative application - must be approved by DHHS Secretary
 - Cannot ask for information not required for MAGI determination up front
 - If not eligible for MAGI group, can collect additional info for other eligibility groups

Eligibility Determination

- As automated as possible
- Rely on data matches to extent possible
 - Federal Hub
 - Other matches
- Medicaid must still use current income - not most recent tax year

Enrollment and Eligibility

- **New formula for determining financial eligibility**
 - MAGI (modified adjusted gross income)
 - Must convert current FPL income limits to MAGI equivalents
 - No deductions allowed except 5%
 - New eligibility policy and rules required
 - Legislative changes may be needed
- **Eliminates asset test for new category and MAGI groups**

Enrollment and Eligibility, cont'd

- Expands coverage for former foster care children to age 26 effective 1/1/14
 - NC added optional coverage through 20 for former foster children effective October 1, 2007
- **MAGI** and removal of asset test not applicable to:
 - SSI Medicaid
 - ABD - age 65+ or recipients with Medicare
 - Medically needy
 - Medicare Savings Programs (MQB)
 - Individuals determined eligible under another program (Express Lane, SA)

Current Work

- **NCFAST:**
 - Medicaid/NCHC eligibility - review and simplification
 - Developing rules engine for current Medicaid/NCHC and ACA
 - Regular meetings for updates/information-sharing
 - Phased Implementation
 - FNS - beginning February, 2012
 - Medicaid/WF/SA - beginning February 2013
 - Other programs added in subsequent years (Child Care, other services)
- **Identifying areas of potential change prior to 1/1/14**
 - Assets for Family Medicaid group (MAF/HSF)
 - Certification periods

Current Work, cont'd

- **Integrated Eligibility - Medicaid/NCHC, WF, FNS, Child Care, SA**
 - Ongoing project with the divisions (began in 2010)
 - Focused on income, resources and budgeting methods
 - Preparation for NCFAST and simplification
- **Reenrollment process -**
 - Ex parte for MIC/NCHC reviews - administrative process
 - Contact recipient only if info not available
 - Proposed federal regs require this for all Medicaid/NCHC
- **Extensive review of proposed regs & questions**
 - Comments due by 10/31/11

Current Work, cont'd

- **Webinars and conference calls with CMS and others**
- **Review of all current forms/processes**
 - Application for Medicaid/NCHC programs
 - NCFAST and ACA preparation
- **Final regs and CMS guidance**



Questions?