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Greetings from HFS Director Julie Hamos

Welcome to another periodic edition of *HFS e-news* to keep you updated on program changes. To register for future editions, please visit HFS E-News Online Registration or download for others who might be interested by visiting: hfs.illinois.gov/enews. If you are a Medicaid client, this newsletter is not the official notification of any changes that may impact you, and you do not have to respond in any way. This is general information for the public. Thank you,

Julie Hamos
Director, HFS

1115 Waiver Concept Paper Posted

The Governor's Office has published a [draft 1115 Waiver concept paper called the *Path to Transformation \(pdf\)*](#), for your review and comment, on the [Health Care Reform in Illinois website](#). This is a significant new initiative for a Medicaid Waiver and we encourage your participation. If you are interested in providing ideas that can help shape the goals and strategies of the Waiver, we invite you to submit written recommendations (no more than 5 pages of double-spaced text per organization) to Health and Medicine Policy Research Group (HMPRG) by email to info@hmprg.org, using the subject line "1115 Waiver", no later than **November 25, 2013**.

Please organize your comments around the following categories:

1. Home and Community Based Infrastructure, Coordination and Choice
2. Delivery System Transformation
3. Build Capacity of the Health Care System for Population Health Management
4. 21st Century Health Care Workforce
5. General Comments

You also are invited to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the 1115 Waiver on **November 14, 2013**, from 1-3 p.m., at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Room 9-040. A videoconference option is available in Springfield at 130 W. Mason, Room 104. Anyone can attend the meetings but we ask that you [register \(http://hmprg.org/Events/1115Waiver\)](#).

HMPRG will summarize all of the written recommendations for consideration by state leaders preparing the application. You do NOT have to be at the November 14, 2013, meeting to submit written comment. There will be a second opportunity for stakeholder response after the application draft has been developed.

Behavioral Health Policy Presentation Posted

At the November 7, 2013, meeting of the Medicaid Advisory Committee, Dr. Lorrie Rickman-Jones, the Governor's Senior Policy Advisor on Behavioral Health gave an excellent presentation that you may find interesting, called [Behavioral Health Policy in Illinois: Major Policy Initiatives in 2013 and Beyond \(pdf\)](#). It can be found the HFS website.

Reproductive Health Care Policy Presentation Posted

At the same November 7, 2013, meeting of the Medicaid Advisory Committee, another excellent presentation on [*HFS' Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care Policy \(pdf\)*](#) was given by Dr. Arvind Goyal, HFS' Medical Director, and Jeff Todd, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Quality Management. It can be found the HFS website.

Please feel free to ask questions or share comments by e-mailing: hfs.webmaster@illinois.gov