

Medi-Cal Public Meeting Friday February 1, 2013 at 1:00 PM PST

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SENIOR BROWN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL CONVENE HEALTH CARE REFORM STAKEHOLDER GROUP PUBLIC MEETING FRIDAY FEB 1ST AT 1 PM TO LOOK AT MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY EXPANSION OPTIONS

SACRAMENTO, CA (CDCAN) [Last updated 01/31/2013 10:00 PM] - Senior officials of the Brown Administration will convene a stakeholder meeting open to the public, February 1st, Friday afternoon at 1:00 PM at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento for the first in a series of discussions on how the State should proceed in implementing next year a major expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility allowed under the federal health care reform act. Governor Brown and Democratic leaders in both the State Senate and Assembly strongly favor the expansion of eligibility but may have different ideas on how to achieve it. The February 1st stakeholder meeting will focus on the Brown Administration proposal - though will likely also touch on any legislative proposals in future meetings.

The public can participate in this first stakeholder meeting - formally known as the Health Care Reform Stakeholder Group meeting, currently made up of 43 different organizations - on the issue either by attending the meeting in Sacramento or by participating via conference call phone line:

Meeting Date and Time:

February 1, 2013 - Friday from 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Physical Meeting Location Site:

Sheraton Grand Hotel

Gardenia Ballroom

1230 J Street (13th and J)

Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: public parking available across the street - entrance on 13th Street between I and J Streets/

Conference Call Line:

Call-In Number: 1-888-324-7019

Passcode: DHCS OPTIONS

Note: Persons calling in are advised to dial in at 12:50 PM (10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of 1:00 PM) to register with the operator and be placed into conference in time.

MEDI-CAL EXPANSION COULD BE LARGEST IN STATE'S

HISTORY

* Governor Brown's proposed 2013-2014 State Budget released January 10th, proposed to dramatically expand the state's Medicaid program (called "Medi-Cal" in California) to cover adults with incomes below 133% of the federal poverty level currently not eligible for Medi-Cal (in 2012 that would mean a single adult making an income of \$14,856 a year, or an adult with a family size of 4 making an income of \$30,657 a year.).

* Such an expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility could add over 1.4 million more persons to the Medi-Cal program by 2019 according to the Brown Administration and legislative budget committee staff analysis. The state's current Medi-Cal enrollment is over 8.3 million persons. Under 2 million of that number are persons with disabilities (including developmental), the blind and seniors.

* Sometimes referred to as "Obamacare" but formally known as the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act", the landmark federal law authorized, but after last June's US Supreme Court ruling, did not require, the states to implement such an eligibility expansion of their Medicaid program.

* Some pieces of the federal health care reform act have already been implemented, but the major parts of the new law will be implemented in phases, with one of the first major pieces - expansion of

Medicaid eligibility - set for January 2014.

* Governor Brown's 2013-2014 State Budget proposal outlined two possible options for this expansion accomplished either through a state level expansion effort or through a county level expansion effort. The Brown Administration is considering which option to implement - the issue of the February 1st stakeholder meeting.

* Governor's State Level Expansion Option - The Governor is considering a proposal that would expand the existing Medi-Cal program and would be financed from the county savings currently spent for health services for this population; would transfer from the state to the counties programmatic and fiscal responsibility for various human services programs, including subsidized child care; would exclude long-term care coverage.

* Governor's County Based Expansion Option - The Governor is also considering a proposal that would expand the existing county-operated Low-Income Health Programs, giving counties flexibility to determine benefits beyond statewide minimums, and also excludes long-term care coverage. About 500,000 Californians are enrolled in these county run programs.

* Meanwhile both the State Senate and Assembly are considering other possible alternatives in implementing the expansion of Medi-Cal. Assembly Speaker John Perez (Democrat - Los Angeles) and Senate

President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (Democrat - Sacramento) have or will soon be introducing legislation focusing on the issue of expanding eligibility for the Medi-Cal program, that will work its way through the legislative policy and budget process in the coming months.

IMPACT OF EXPANSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES & SENIORS

The major expansion of eligibility of the Medi-Cal will likely have major impact on people with disabilities, the blind, people with mental health needs and seniors and their families in many different ways including:

- * Thousands of persons with disabilities and seniors who are not currently eligible for the Medi-Cal program due to income could become eligible due to this expansion.
- * Thousands of family members (of persons with disabilities, the blind, and seniors) and support workers - including In-Home Supportive Service workers in those counties not offering health care insurance - could become eligible to the Medi-Cal program (depending on if their income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level and other eligibility criteria)
- * The readiness and ability of Medi-Cal funded health care services and the state and local agencies that oversee those programs - whether in the "fee for service" system or in Medi-Cal managed care plans to deliver quality health care to millions of existing Medi-Cal recipients - and

potentially a million plus more new recipients.

SENIOR BROWN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL BE ON HAND

California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana S. Dooley, who oversees the State's health and human service departments including those dealing with Medi-Cal, In-Home Supportive Services, aging, mental health, public health, developmental services and long term services and supports is hosting this stakeholder meeting, along with:

- * Ana Matosantos, director of the Governor's Department of Finance
- * Toby Douglas, director, Department of Health Care Services (the state agency that oversees the Medi-Cal program)
- * Will Lightbourne, director, Department of Social Services (the state agency that oversees statewide In-Home Supportive Services, CalWORKS, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment)

HEALTH CARE REFORM STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING FORMAT

The discussion with the stakeholder group and state officials - and public participation will be structured, according to the Brown Administration, in the following way:

- * The February 1st meeting is the first in a series of public meetings to discussion and have conversations on this issue.
- * Approximately 40 Stakeholder Group members (formerly known as the "Health Care Reform Stakeholder Group") will participate in the discussions and conversations as listed in an agenda. There are currently 43 organizations who are members of this stakeholder group (with 45 individuals linked to those organizations)
- * Other stakeholders and interested persons and the general public, legislative staff are invited to listen to these discussions and conversations and to participate during a designated public comment period (noted in each agenda).

MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA

Health Care Reform Stakeholder Group

1:00 - 3:30pm, February 1, 2013

Sheraton Grand Sacramento

1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA

Camellia/Gardenia Rooms

Call-In: 888-324-7019 Code: DHCS (3427)

A. 1:00 TO 1:30 PM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

* Diana S. Dooley, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

* Ana J. Matosantos, Director, Department of Finance

B. 1:30 to 1:50 PM

OVERVIEW OF THE STATE'S MEDICAID EXPANSION PROPOSAL

* Toby Douglas, Director, Department of Health Care Services

* Will Lightbourne, Director, Department of Social Services

C. 1:50 to 2:20 PM

QUESTIONS FROM HEALTH CARE REFORM GROUP MEMBER PARTICIPANTS

- * Toby Douglas, Director, Department of Health Care Services

- * Will Lightbourne, Director, Department of Social Services

D. 2:20 to 2:50 PM - Member and Public Input on Issues for Future Stakeholder Group Meetings

- * Bobbie Wunsch, Pacific Health Consulting Group

E. 2:50 to 2:55 PM

DISCUSS PROCESS FOR STAKEHOLDER INPUT

- * Toby Douglas, Director, Department of Health Care Services

- * Will Lightbourne, Director, Department of Social Services

F. 2:55 to 3:25 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- * Bobbie Wunsch, Pacific Health Consulting Group

G. 3:25 to 3:30 PM

NEXT STEPS

- * Bobbie Wunsch, Pacific Health Consulting Group

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH CARE REFORM STAKEHOLDER GROUP

The following is the list of 43 organizations (linked to 45 individual names) compiled by CDCAN from information provided by the California Health and Human Service Agency, and listed alphabetically by organizational name:

1. AARP CA - Casey Young
2. AFSCME - Willie Pelote
3. AFSCME/UDW - Dion Aroner
4. Alliance to Transform CalFresh - Kim McCoy Wade
5. CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies - Rusty Selix

6. CA IHSS Coalition - Janie Whiteford
7. CA Mental Health Directors Association - Patricia Ryan
8. CA Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives/Tarzana Treatment Center - Al Senella
9. CA Academy of Family Physicians - Susan Hogeland
10. CA Association of Physician Groups - Don Crane
11. CA Association of Health Facilities - James Gomez
12. CA Association of Health Plans - Patrick Johnston
13. CA Association of Public Authorities - Karen Keeslar
14. CA Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems - Melissa Stafford-Jones
15. CA Children's Hospital Association - Cindy Ehnes
16. CA Coalition of Welfare Rights Organizations - Kevin Aslanian
17. CA Department of Education - Erin Gabel

18. CA Hospital Association - Anne McLeod
19. CA Medical Association - Dustin Corcoran
20. CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network - Ellen Wu
21. CA Primary Care Association - Carmela Castellano-Garcia
22. CA State Association of Counties - Kelly Brooks Lindsey
23. Child Care Law Center - Kim Kruckel
24. Children Now - Ted Lempert
25. Children Now - Michael Odeh
26. County Medical Services Program - Kalleen Lyman
27. Community Health Councils - Lark Galloway-Gilliam
28. Congress of California Seniors - Gary Passmore
29. County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California - Dennis Koch
30. County Health Executives Association of California - Judith Reigel

31. County Welfare Director's Association of California - Frank Mecca
32. Disability Rights California - Marilyn Holle
33. Health Access - Anthony Wright
34. Latino Coalition for a Healthy California - Monica Blanco-Etheridge
35. Local Health Plans of California - John Ramey
36. National Health Law Program - Kim Lewis
37. National Senior Law Center - Eric Carlson
38. Neighborhood Legal Services - Los Angeles - Katie Murphy / Kate Meiss
39. Private Essential Access Community Hospitals - Catherine K. Douglas
40. Project Inform - Anne Donnelly
41. SEIU - Jon Youngdahl
42. The Children's Partnership - Kristen Golden Testa

43. Western Center on Law and Poverty - Elizabeth Landsberg/Mike Herald
