

Division of Medicaid to issue RFP for coordinated care contractors



When the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) launched its coordinated care program in January of 2011, two coordinated care organizations (CCOs) were selected after an extensive procurement process to offer beneficiaries the choice between two health-coverage plans.

Since then, the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN) has grown, and currently approximately 70 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries in Mississippi receive services under the umbrella of coordinated care.

With those original contracts set to expire in 2017, DOM will release a request for proposals (RFP) in an open, competitive process to bid on the new contracts early this year.

Through the procurement process, DOM is expected to select at least three entities to participate in the program, offering more choice for a larger population of coordinated care beneficiaries.

Currently, MississippiCAN includes two plans offered by Magnolia Health Plan and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. While those contracts expire on June 30, 2017, their agreements include an optional one-year renewal to ensure a smooth transition and implementation period for whichever entities are awarded the new contracts. Winners of the new contracts are expected to be announced by summer 2017.

The integration of Medicaid and the coordinated care model has been a growing trend across the country for at least 20 years, and one that is supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The coordinated care approach encourages beneficiaries to be more active in their personal health, provides follow-up care with a case manager and focuses on preventive health. The primary goals of MississippiCAN are to improve access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries, improve quality of care, and improve cost prevention and predictability.

Once ready for release, the RFP will be posted on the DOM website at medicaid.ms.gov and will include all necessary information, such as qualifications and effective dates. Updates will be posted as they become available. For more information, contact the Office of Procurement by calling 601-359-6050.

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About Mississippi Division of Medicaid

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