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Meeting Summary: June 21, 2006

Chair: Christine Bianchi

Next meeting: Wednesday July 26, 10 AM in LOB RM 2600

Federal Citizenship Requirements

Kevin Loveland (DSS) discussed the recently released CMS guidelines and Ct's plan to implement the federal law. *(Click on icon below to view brief summary of the law and CT plans).*

Per the Medicaid Council recommendation, letters were sent to the Governor and Congressional delegation related to concerns about the provisions.

Addendum: CMS released interim regulations that accepts dual eligible and SSI Medicaid clients' prior citizenship documentation for those programs and gives states more flexibility in data matches. See NYT article regarding changes.

It is estimated that there are about 15,000 (representing 25-30,00 individuals) new Medicaid applications/month and 20,000 renewals (about 35,000 individuals) per month. HUSKY represents about 60% of these. Once citizenship documents are provided, DSS will maintain them in a file and clients will not be required to submit them again.

Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA)

Based on 2005 legislation, the length of time on TMA was reduced to 12 months, with end of TMA June 30, 2006. The July enrollment report will reflect the number of TMA clients that lose/retain Medicaid coverage. DSS estimated about 8,700 families (about 12,000 individuals) would be affected by the June 30th termination from TMA. The four MCOs received files of their TMA members and mailed letters to their members, followed by a phone call to encourage them to reapply for Medicaid. The parent/caregiver income eligibility was increased to 150% FPL July 1, 2005. Anthem and WellCare reported that they were able to contact 25 -30% of these members by phone.

Prior Authorization Report

The report format was agreed upon. DSS and the MCOs will work on finalizing the details of the data for the report.