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WHA Calendar:

2015 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature
Cheyenne **1/13-3/6**

WCAHN Flex Planning Meeting
Cheyenne **2/4**

Other Events:

Leading Age Wyoming **1/21-1/23**

Rural Health Policy Institute Washington, DC **2/3-2/5**

National Nurses Week **5/6-5/12**

Wyoming Medicaid Expansion Options

Expansion-alternative Bill

SHARE Plan Bill

Eligibility

In general, adults with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level would be eligible.

The State must fund each PHWA with \$2,500 for all eligible participants. This will likely be 100% of State General Funds. As federal match is unavailable until those funds are used to pay for medical services.

In general, adults with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level would be eligible.

Those deemed “medically frail,” as well as other populations as required by federal regulation, will be provided benefits through the traditional Medicaid program.

Cost Sharing

Participants are required to make monthly contributions, on a sliding scale, based on annual income, to a Personal Health and Wellness Account to qualify for expanded benefits package.

Participants who do not make contributions will be enrolled in the basic benefits package.

Cost sharing amounts and restrictions are not yet defined.

Demonstration waiver participants shall be required to pay a monthly premium and shall be required to make co-payments for covered services in amounts set forth in the alternative benefits plan.

Lower-income participants shall not be required to pay premiums, but shall be required to make co-payments for covered services in amounts determined by the WDH.

Cost sharing, including premiums and co-payments shall not exceed 5% of a participants modified adjusted gross income.

Medical Benefits and Administration

1. Basic Benefits Package: for beneficiaries who do not contribute to Personal Health and Wellness Account (PHWA)

2. Expanded Benefits Package: for beneficiaries who contribution to PHWA

Medical benefits will be provided through the network of a private insurance carrier

Administration of the program shall be carried out through contracts with private insurance carriers or third party administration.

This plan would offer one Alternative Benefits Plan for both lower and higher income groups.

Medical services shall be available through the current Medicaid provider network and administered by the Wyoming Department of Health Medicaid program

Benefits include only those services identified in the Alternative Benefits Plan.



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Wellness and Work Assistance Benefits

Wellness Benefits and Incentives may include:

Additional contributions by Medicaid to a participant's PHWA for completing healthy behaviors, such as completing a smoking cessation program.

Reductions in cost sharing for beneficiaries who attain or maintain specified standards of healthy behaviors, including the completion of an annual health risk assessment to identify unhealthy characteristics.

Employment Benefit may include:

Work assistance services for participants who are able to work, with a goal of helping participants to be employed 20 hours per week (does not include full-time students).

Services may include:

- Access to job search facilities
- Resume assistance
- Skills to job matching
- Job Training
- Vocational rehabilitation

Wellness Benefits and Incentives may include:

Monthly premium discounts for beneficiaries who complete healthy lifestyle challenges.

Participants shall be required to complete a comprehensive health assessment at enrollment, and annually thereafter.

The program includes comprehensive case management and utilization review for individuals in both income groups who have complex healthcare needs.

Employment Benefit may include:

Work assistance services for participants who are unemployed.

Services may include:

- Access to a job search website
- Resume assistance
- Skills to job matching
- Job Training
- Vocational rehabilitation

Federal Grant to Fund Public Health Training Center

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center's population health division has been awarded a four-year \$800,000 federal grant to establish a public health training center in Wyoming.

The center will identify the learning needs of Wyoming's public health workforce; provide user-friendly, accessible training; and help Wyoming public health organizations meet their strategic planning, education and resource needs.

The grant will be administered by the Wyoming Institute of Popula-

tion Health (Institute), the division of Cheyenne Regional Medical Center focused on improving the health of Wyoming residents through several statewide initiatives. These initiatives include the development of patient-centered medical homes and a virtual pharmacy, the use of transition care nurses to coordinate the care of patients with chronic diseases and the creation of a telehealth network linking more than 50 Wyoming hospitals and clinics.

Wyoming's training center is an extension of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center,

managed by the University of Colorado School of Public Health.

"The goal of the Wyoming center is to assess how we can support the training needs of our public health workforce and to then develop the infrastructure and the information to meet this need," said Phyllis Sherard, Ph.D., Cheyenne Regional's chief strategy officer and vice president of population health.

The Institute will work closely with the Wyoming Department of Health and other Wyoming public health organizations, hospitals, clinics and tribal governments on this effort.

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