Department of Administration

Health Care Authority Feasibility Study
A Few Reminders for Participants

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Study Overview

• In 2016, SB 74 Medicare Reform directed Department of Administration (DOA) to procure a study evaluating the feasibility of a Health Care Authority.

• SB 74 requires the study to:
  o Identify cost-saving strategies that a health care authority could implement;
  o Analyze local government participation in the authority;
  o Analyze a phased approach to adding groups to the health care plans coordinated by the health care authority;
  o Consider previous studies procured by the Department of Administration and the legislature;
  o Assess the use of community-related health insurance risk pools and the use of the private marketplace;
  o Identify organizational models for a health care authority, including private for-profit, private nonprofit, government, and state corporations; and
  o Include a public review and comment opportunity for employers, employees, medical assistance recipients, retirees, and health care providers.
Study Outline

➢ Study evaluates health benefits funded directly or indirectly by the state for the following groups:
  o Medicaid
  o State of Alaska retirees (PERS, JRS and TRS)
  o Employees in the following groups:
    ▪ State of Alaska (all bargaining groups)
    ▪ School districts
    ▪ University of Alaska
    ▪ State corporations
    ▪ Political subdivisions
    ▪ Other groups that would benefit from participation (e.g. individual market)

➢ Goal is to see if there are opportunities to create savings through greater efficiencies.

➢ Evaluate opportunities for consolidated purchasing strategies and coordinated plan administration.
Study Contractors

➢ Contractors:
  o PRM Consulting Group (PRM) - survey collection, data analysis, phase 1 & phase 2 findings focusing on public employee benefits
  o Mark A. Foster Associates (MAFA) – peer-review, Alaska specific market analysis & opportunities
  o Pacific Health Policy Group Consulting (PHPG) - Medicaid technical assistance and analysis
  o Agnew::Beck – public comment and review process
Important Dates

Timeline:

- August 30, 2017: PRM, PHPG, MAFA reports released
- September 1, 2017: Public comment process opens
- September 7, 2017: PRM webinar (12:30pm – 1:30pm)
- September 11, 2017: PHPG webinar (2:00pm – 3:00pm)
- September 13, 2017: MAFA webinar (2:30pm – 3:00pm)
- October 30, 2017: Public comment process closes
- December 4, 2017: Report addendum released
Public Comment

Public comments can be submitted in writing via email or hard copy to:  
Attention Department of Administration, Commissioners Office

Email: AlaskaHCA@alaska.gov
Hard Copy: 550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1970, Anchorage, AK 99501

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Participant Questions

Please type your question in the box provided to the right.

*If you’d like a specific person to answer, please indicate their name or organization.*

We will answer as many questions as possible today, and post written responses to questions after the webinar series.
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