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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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To: Legislators
From: Molly Kottmeyer, Department of Human Services
Re: Update on DHS Projects #7 Health Care Reform Implementation
Date: September 1, 2009

Attached is an update of the chronological outline of the implementation of all of the health care reform initiatives passed at the federal and state level. DHS strives to implement each initiative with the most impact and efficiency. As noted, we have implemented several items and have made significant progress towards the implementation of many others.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of a specific item, please feel free to contact me.

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SFY 2010 Health Care Reform Implementation Timeline
 August 24, 2009

Authorizing Legislation	May-09	Jul-09	Sep-09	Jan-10	Mar-10	TBD
SF 389	Submit 1 pay stub as verification on earned income when indicative of future income. (Completed)	Expand <i>hawk-i</i> to 300% FPL. Update July 22, 2009 - Implemented - approximately 300 children enrolled to-date. CMS continues to question SPA regarding 'crowd-out' policy. Conference call being scheduled to discuss. Update August 24, 2009 - CMS is requiring the Department to implement strategies to prevent 'crowd-out' for children from higher income families. The Department has submitted a revised SPA that includes a one-month 'go bare' period for families that drop health insurance coverage, without a good reason, in order to take advantage of a publicly funded program. Early indications are that CMS will approve the SPA with these provisions.		Presumptive Eligibility for children in Medicaid and <i>hawk-i</i> with phased roll out. Update June 15, 2009 <i>hawk-i</i> board approved program concept. Update July 22, 2009 - Rules being reviewed by AG's office. Provider Relations at IME to assist in provider contracting and training. DDM has proposed development of a new system. Fiscal working on cost estimates. Weekly planning meetings continue. Update August 24, 2009 - Rules approved for notice at 8/17/09 <i>hawk-i</i> Board meeting. Implementation meetings continue.	GOAL 3/1/10. Premium Assistance Program for <i>hawk-i</i> & Medicaid under CHIPRA. Update June 15, 2009 <i>hawk-i</i> board approved program concept. Update July 22, 2009 - Discussions with health plans have been non-productive because they are uncertain about their role in coordinating benefits and how data will be shared. Staff have contacted Milliman to obtain an actuarial evaluation to estimate costs for providing wrap-around services in order to facilitate discussion with the plans. Update August 24, 2009 - The Department is exploring the feasibility of using IME contractors to perform the coordination of benefits functions for this program. Rules are being drafted.	Establish <i>hawk-i</i> family cost sharing & graduated premiums based on a rationally developed sliding fee scale for families over 200% FPL. Update June 15, 2009 - <i>hawk-i</i> board unanimous decision to use current premium structure to gain some experience and reassess in February 2010. Update July 22, 2009 - <i>hawk-i</i> Board chair is drafting letter to inform legislative members of the Board's position.
SF 389	Average 3 years of income for self employed. (Completed)	Cover all eligible children in <i>hawk-i</i> & Medicaid for whom FFP is available (Legal Permanent Resident children). Update July 22, 2009 - Implemented. System changes to IABC completed. Changes to IFPN system not done.		State Tax return - required application for dependent child health care coverage		Express Lane eligibility options and timeline by fall 2009. Update July 22, 2009 - Continue to discuss with other states and explore options. Focusing on partnering with programs internal to the Department rather than external programs.

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SF 389		Cover Infants and Pregnant Women up to 300% FPL. Update: July 22, 2009 - Implemented. Received SPA approval from CMS. (Completed)		<i>hawk-i</i> dental-only program. <i>Update:</i> Waiting for clarification from CMS re: inclusion of orthodontia coverage. Update July 22, 2009 - CMS has clarified that orthodontia does not need to be included. Rules at AG's office for review. Will go to hawk-i Board for notice in August. Update August 24, 2009 - <i>hawk-i</i> Board approved rules for notice at 8/17/09 meeting. Implementation planning continues.		Paperless Administrative / Renewal process. (<i>DHS Data Brokering Project is critical to successful implementation of this project</i>)
		Translation & interpreter services for Medicaid under CHIPRA (Medicaid reimbursement policy) (Completed for Medicaid)		CHIPRA Demonstration grants. Update July 22, 2009 - Partnering with IDPH to apply. Meeting weekly to develop application. Letter of intent has been submitted. Update August 24, 2009 - Grant application submitted 8/5/09. Total ask is \$985,000 for targeted outreach activities and technology development and implementation.		Application & Renewal: The following 3 projects are inter-related and may conflict.
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SF 389						1. Mail Medicaid annual renewal form 1st day of the month prior to renewal. Update July 22, 2009 - This is being included as a retention strategy in CHIPRA outreach grant application to garner funding to implement. Update August 24, 2009 - grant application submitted 8/5/09. 2. Joint application / supplemental forms & same application & renewal verification processes for both Medicaid & <i>hawk-I</i> 3. Joint renewal form
SF 389 CHIPRA		Eliminate restrictive requirements for infants born to a Medicaid eligible mother. Update July 22, 2009 - Implemented. CMS questioned effective date of SPA. Directions provided to field to implement retroactively to April 1 and assurances provided to CMS. (Complete)		Verification of citizenship & ID requirements to <i>hawk-I</i> . Update: July 22, 2009 - Working with MAXIMUS to implement requirements. Will do a data match with Medicaid system to identify children for whom Department has previously obtained verification. Update August 24, 2009 - Rules approved for notice at 8/17/09 <i>hawk-i</i> Board meeting.		

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ARRA			Eliminate Transitional Medical Assistance reporting & look-back requirements. Update: July 22, 2009 - On hold. Will include a placeholder in 2011 budget and submit as a decision pkg. Update August 24, 2009 - Due to the fiscal impact, the Department has decided not to pursue this option.			Translation & interpreter services for <i>hawk-I</i> under CHIPRA (for enrollment, retention & use of services) Update: <i>Need clarification on CHIPRA intent; CFPC is researching</i>
HF 820					Direct Care Workers premium assistance pilot. Update: <i>Design to be finalized for August 2009 rules. Update July 22, 2009</i> - Has been delayed until March 2010. Rules being drafted.	