

MEDICAID REDESIGN AND EXPANSION IN ALASKA

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A Few Reminders for Participants

- We will ask some interactive poll questions throughout the presentation, to learn more about you.
- There will be time for participants' questions in the last quarter hour.
- Send questions to presenters via the chat box at right →
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Use the listen-only teleconference:
1 (855) 257-8693, code 199 9402 #
- A webinar recording will be available later at dhss.alaska.gov/healthyalaska

Today's Agenda

- Introduction
- DHSS updates
 - Governor's announcement
 - DHSS reform efforts underway
- Scope of the Medicaid Redesign and Expansion Technical Assistance Project
- Questions from participants

Your Turn!

Please answer the poll questions on the screen.



Update from Commissioner Davidson

- **Governor Walker's Announcement**
- **Medicaid Expansion Implementation**
- **Role of Medicaid Reform**

DHSS Medicaid Reform

- Ongoing reform projects
 - Fraud & Abuse Control Improvement Initiative
 - Care Management (“Super Utilizers”) Pilot Program
 - Alaska Tribal Health System Coordination
 - Pharmacy Reform Initiatives
- Reform projects in planning phase
 - Home & Community-Based Services 1915(i) & 1915(k) Options (*RFP issued July 14, 2015*)
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=177572>
 - 1115 Waiver: Tribal Health System Partnership

DHSS Medicaid Reform

- Identifying Future Reform Opportunities to:
 - Optimize enrollee health outcomes and access to care;
 - Drive increased value (quality, efficiency, and effectiveness) in the delivery of services; and
 - Provide cost containment in Alaska's Medicaid budget.

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

- The Trust is a project funder + partner
- Medicaid redesign and expansion will help Trust beneficiaries
- Involved with other health initiatives:
 - Increasing infrastructure and capacity
 - Pilot projects
 - Systems design, recommendations and reform



Medicaid Redesign + Expansion Technical Assistance Project

- The consulting team's role:
 - Provide research and analysis of Medicaid redesign and expansion strategies.
 - Provide technical assistance and support to develop a sustainable Medicaid program for Alaska that meets the State's goals.
 - Work with DHSS leadership to develop a strategy that will include options and recommendations for a Medicaid expansion model and a series of Medicaid redesign initiatives.

Project Team



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Alaska Mental Health
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Project Sponsor and Core Client Team

Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

*Project Management, Report Development
+ Publication, Stakeholder Engagement*

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National Policy Experts and Advisors

Medicaid Expansion and Reform

Health Management Associates

Actuarial Analysis

Milliman, Inc.

Project Team



- Based in Anchorage, Alaska with an office in Boise, Idaho.
- Skilled in analysis, policy development, planning, public engagement, and project implementation.
- Work with state, non-profit, Tribal and for-profit health organizations in Alaska.

“Engage, Plan, Implement” is our approach to helping people, places and organizations get beyond ideas and issues, and get into making things happen. We work to build healthy communities locally, regionally and statewide.

Project Team

HEALTH
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- 17 offices nationwide, including Oregon and Washington
- Extensive health reform and delivery system expertise, including the design and implementation of health programs, particularly managed care, long-term care, and behavioral health care.
- Our clients include: local, state, and federal governments; safety net health systems; and public and private sector providers.

Project Team



- Based in Seattle, with offices nationwide
- Provides expert consultation on both the financing and delivery of healthcare, and independent actuarial analysis

We provide our clients with groundbreaking analysis on health reform and business issues impacting the health industry. Our clients include leading health insurers, BCBS plans and HMOs, as well as providers, employers, government policymakers, pharmaceutical companies, and foundations.

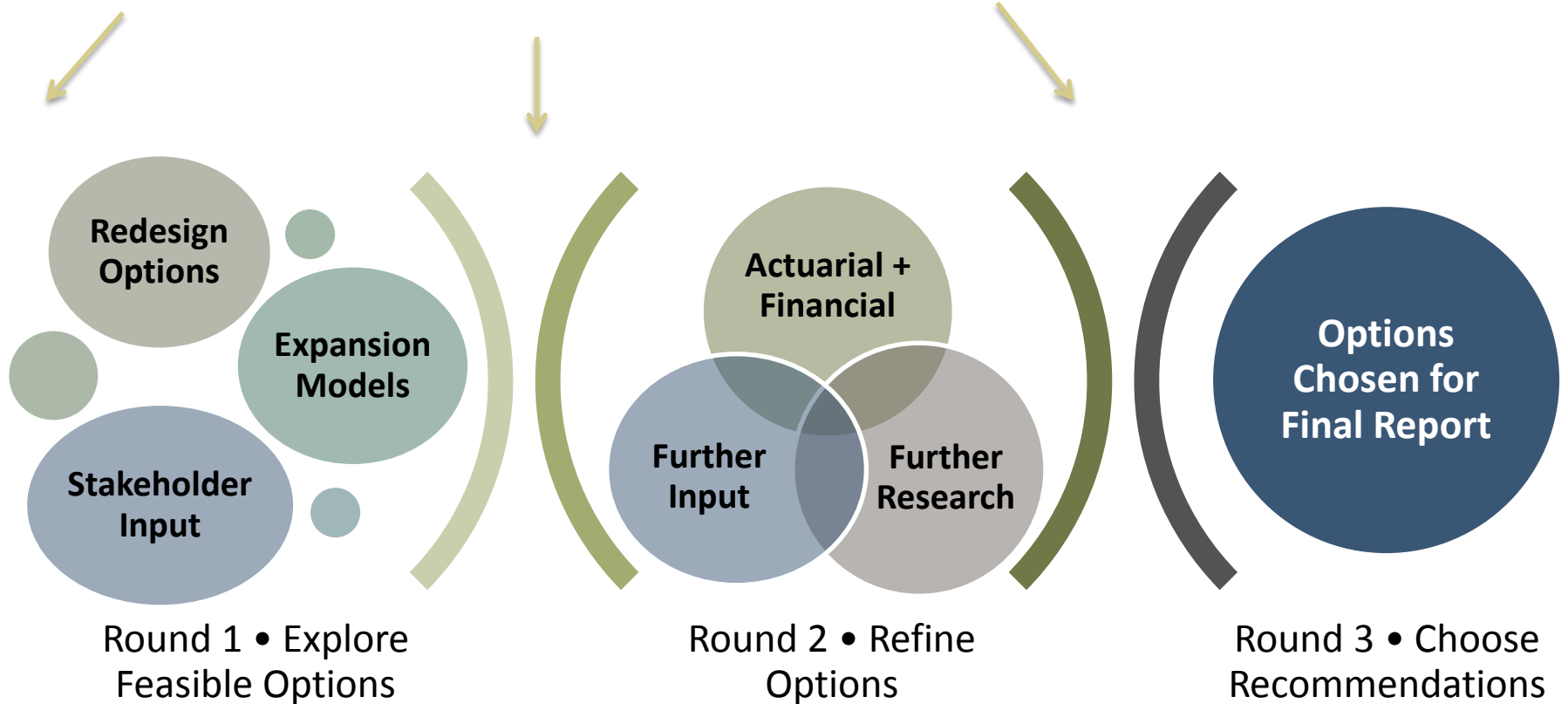
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Timeline	Tasks + Deliverables
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an environmental scan of options for Medicaid Redesign + Expansion • First round consultation with key partners and DHSS leaders to review environmental scan findings and select options for actuarial analysis
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First round of actuarial analysis, additional investigation • Stakeholder meetings and constituent engagement on options under consideration • Presentations at fall meetings
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second round consultation with key partners and DHSS leaders to review analysis, stakeholder feedback and weigh feasibility of options • Second round of actuarial analysis • Presentations at fall meetings
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final round consultation with key partners and DHSS leaders to produce recommendations
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract team produces report of recommended expansion and reform options
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar of contract team’s findings • Report published on January 15, 2016
January – April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Hearings to share findings and recommendations • Action plan for recommended options • Evaluation plan for recommended options

Iterative Process for Selecting Recommendations

DHSS Leadership and Stakeholder Input



Medicaid Reform Experience

- HMA has worked with states interested in reforming or expanding Medicaid, including:
 - Planning for and implementing Medicaid reform initiatives
 - evaluating alternatives, developing policy and implementing budget initiatives
 - developing waivers to expand coverage
 - increasing access to federal funding for health care services
 - supporting delivery system transformation and improved care management
 - Designing financing strategies
 - Developing delivery system improvements
- Currently or recently engaged with states such as Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, South Dakota + Wyoming

Research and Analysis of Options

- **Environmental Scan**
 - Reform and expansion efforts in other states
 - Current and recent Medicaid redesign/expansion experiences in Alaska
 - Federal context, including CMS perspective
 - Alaska context (politics, geography, health care system)
- **Input and Discussion**
 - Ensuring options meet state goals, are sustainable
 - Understanding barriers, benefits and trade-offs involved in various proposals
- **Refine Options**
 - Fiscal and regulatory analysis
 - How reform proposals could fit together

Actuarial and Financial Analysis

- Milliman has worked with about 50% of State Medicaid agencies
- Access to large healthcare datasets (cost and utilization)
- Significant investment on research and tools related to healthcare reform
- Healthcare is regional: emphasis on combining data + research with state-specific characteristics

Stay Informed about the Project

DHSS Healthy Alaska Plan, Medicaid Initiatives

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/HealthyAlaska/Pages/MedicaidRedesign.aspx> *note: there is an underscore, "Medicaid_Redesign"*

E-mail medicaid.redesign@alaska.gov

Medicaid Resign listserv

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDHSS/subscriber/new?topic_id=7 *note: there is an underscore, "topic_id"*

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Participant Questions

Please type your question in the chat box.

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

If we are not able to address your question in this session or need to find more information in order to answer it, we will prepare a written response and share it back with the webinar recording.

Thank You!

We will post a recording of this webinar in August at the Healthy Alaska website and through the DHSS listserv:
dhss.alaska.gov/HealthyAlaska/Pages/Medicaid_Redesign.aspx

Contact medicaid.redesign@alaska.gov if you have more questions about this project, and be sure to sign up for the DHSS Medicaid Redesign listserv!