



Care Coordination ACE and CCE Plan Transitions

Background:

As of January, 2016, around 60% of Illinois' Medicaid population had been enrolled in Managed Care, a newly implemented system in which recipients are enrolled in a health plan and restricted to that plan's established network of providers.

While many Managed Care plans are private, for-profit entities, Accountable Care Entity (ACE) and Care Coordination Entity (CCE) plans have received financial support from the state so that they could keep their provider networks open and operate without concern for profit. They were designed to establish a high level of quality early on in the new system by forcing the for-profit plans to compete with not-for-profits.

The ACE and CCE plans were always intended to transition into self-sustaining for-profit plans over a period of years. With the change of administration in 2015, however, Governor Rauner declared that the state would end its financial support well before intended. ACE and CCE plans were required to immediately move to either subcontract with an existing for-profit plan or transition into a for-profit themselves.

Most of the plans have already completed this transition - those that refused to participate in the change have been dissolved.

What Are ACE and CCE Enrollees' Options?

Enrollees in plans that dissolved receive an enrollment packet in the mail and from that point have 60 days in which to choose a new plan and provider. If they do not make a choice then they are automatically assigned without their input. Once enrolled in a plan, they have 90 days in which they can switch plans once. After that date passes they are locked into the plan for one year.

Enrollees in plans that subcontract or transition to risk-based status on their own do not receive an enrollment packet and do not have 60 days in which to choose a plan. They only have 90 days from the date that their plan's transition went into effect in which they can switch plans once before they are locked in.

This is of critical importance to the 450,000 Illinoisans who have been enrolled and settled into ACE and CCE plans. It is certain that a significant number of those enrollees will lose providers, be auto-assigned without attention to their specific needs and priorities, or otherwise have their care interrupted.

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The Plans and Their Decisions

Subcontracting:

CCEs: Organized by providers and community agencies and governed by a lead entity. Serve seniors and persons with disabilities.

- EntireCare joined NextLevel Health on July 1st, 2015.
- My Health Care Coordination joined Health Alliance Connect on July 1st, 2015.
- Precedence CCE joined Health Alliance Connect on February 1st, 2016.
- Be Well joined Cigna-HealthSpring SpecialCare on March 1st, 2016.

CSN CCE: Serve Children with Special Needs.

- La Rabida Care Coordination joined CountyCare on August 1st, 2015.

ACEs: Provider-organized network. Serve families with children and ACA adults.

- Illinois Partnership for Health joined Health Alliance Connect on November 1st, 2015
- HealthCura joined Blue Cross Community Family Health Plan on Dec. 1st, 2015.
- MyCare Chicago joined Molina Healthcare of Illinois as of January 1st, 2016.
- Loyola Family Care joined Molina Healthcare of Illinois as of January 1st, 2016.
- UI Health Plus joined Blue Cross Community Family Health Plan as of January 1st, 2016.
- Better Health Network joined Molina Healthcare of Illinois on March 1st, 2016.
- Advocate Accountable Care joined Meridian on April 1st, 2016.
- Community Care Partners joined Meridian on May 1st, 2016.
- SmartPlan Choice will join with Family Health Network on September 1st, 2016.
 - o 90 Day Deadline: November 29th

Transitioned Without Subcontracting:

CCEs: Serve seniors and persons with disabilities.

- NextLevel Health became an MCCN plan on January 1st, 2016.

Dissolved: (Note: deadline date may vary based on when recipient's enrollment packet is sent)

CSN CCEs: CCEs that serve Children with Special Needs.

- Lurie Children's Health Partners Care Coordination ended on January 1st, 2016.

ACEs: Serve families with children and ACA adults.

- SmartPlan Choice was no longer be a health plan option in Central Illinois as of March 1st, 2016.
- Together4Health ended on November 1st, 2015.

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