California Children’s Services: Redesign Vision and Managed Care “Carve-Out”

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California Children’s Services (CCS) Redesign Process

• Fundamental goals:
  1) improve care and outcomes for children and youth with special health care needs by ensuring that they receive coordinated care, and
  2) identify indicators that will measure quality in order to improve care for these children and their families.

• Without regard to sunset of the CCS managed care “carve-out,” DHCS is not predisposed to mandatorily enroll CCS eligible children into Managed Care Organizations for treatment of their CCS health condition.
CCS Redesign Process

- Transparent process
- Drives identification of issues
- Drives discussion
- Drives development of options for CCS Redesign
- Drives recommendations
What is the Carve-Out?

• Welfare and Institutions Code 14094.1 prohibits CCS covered services from being incorporated into Medi-Cal Managed Care contracts.

• Non-CCS services (primary preventive care) are provided by the Managed Care Organizations.

• Means that CCS services are provided by CCS approved specialists and receive reimbursement through fee-for-service.
Carve-Out - Rationale

• Medi-Cal managed care expansion of 1994

• Elevated concerns regarding disruption to specialty care for children and youth with special health care needs

• Elevated concerns that care would be delayed or avoided

• The special needs of the CCS population would be lost within the context of a much larger Managed Care population

• Fragmentation: primary preventive care vs. care for CCS condition
Delivery System

✓ **Cen Cal Health**: Formerly Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority
  • Santa Barbara County  (Carved In)
  • San Luis Obispo County

✓ **Health Plan of San Mateo** (Carved in)

✓ **Partnership Health Plan of California**
  • Solano County  (Carved In)
  • Napa County   (Carved In)
  • Yolo County    (Carved In)
  • Marin County   (Carved In)
  • Sonoma County
Carve-Out History

• August 1994 - August 1997
• August 1997 - August 2000
• August 2000 - August 2005
• August 2005 - August 2008
• August 2008 - August 2012
• August 2012 - January 1, 2016
Impact of Sunset

• Statute is not needed to maintain the carve-out

• San Mateo CCS Demonstration

• Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego Demonstration

• CCS eligible children

• Local county CCS programs
Redesign Stakeholder Advisory Board

Questions?