

# **Alaska Medicaid Initiatives**

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and Social Services

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## Department's Theme

*Helping individuals and families create safe and healthy communities*





# Priorities

- **Substance abuse**
- **Health and wellness**
- **Health-care reform**
- **Long-term care**
- **Vulnerable Alaskans**







# Alaska Medicaid Initiatives



**Medicaid Task Force  
(Cost Containment)**

**Quality Measurement  
and Reporting Initiatives**

**Quality Improvement Project  
& Medical Homes**

**Elderly Care Management**

**Health Information Technology**



# Medicaid Task Force

- ▶ **Joint Executive-Legislative Branch Task Force**
  - ▶ 4 members each: DHSS, Senate, House
- ▶ **Requested by the Governor's Office to address growth in the Medicaid budget**
- ▶ **Convened September 29, 2010**
- ▶ **Report anticipated March 2011**



# Medicaid Task Force

## Membership

(members who are also on Commission in **bold**)

- ▶ DHSS Commissioner Hogan
- ▶ DHSS Deputy Commissioner Streur
- ▶ **DHSS Chief Medical Officer Hurlburt**
- ▶ DHSS Assistant Commissioner Elgee
- ▶ Senator Hoffman
- ▶ Senator Davis
- ▶ **Senator Olson**
- ▶ Senator Coghill
- ▶ Representative Hawker
- ▶ Representative Joule
- ▶ **Representative Keller**
- ▶ Representative Herron



# Quality Measurement Initiatives

- ▶ **CHIP Child Healthcare Quality Measurement**
  - ▶ Voluntary CMS reporting in CHIP FFY 2010 Annual Report
  - ▶ CMS mandatory reporting by 2013
  - ▶ use of **HEDIS** (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) and other widely accepted specifications
  
- ▶ **CAHPS** (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems)
  - ▶ Health plan (CHIP) survey on parents' experiences with child's care
  - ▶ CMS mandatory reporting by 2013



# CHIP Child Health Measures

- ▶ Low birth weight
- ▶ C-section rate
- ▶ Chlamydia screening
- ▶ Well child exams
- ▶ Appropriate testing related to antibiotic dispensing (pharyngitis)
- ▶ Preventive dental and treatment
- ▶ Emergency department use
- ▶ Repeat ER visit by very young asthma patients
- ▶ Use of medications for children with ADHD
- ▶ Follow-up after hospitalization for Myocardial Infarction





# CAHPS

## Survey of Parent's Experience with Child's Care

- ▶ **Assesses overall satisfaction with:**
  - ▶ Health care system
  - ▶ Health plan (Medicaid)
  - ▶ Personal doctor
  - ▶ Specialist care
  
- ▶ **Summarizes:**
  - ▶ Customer satisfaction
  - ▶ Ability to readily access care
  - ▶ Ability to access needed care
  - ▶ How well doctors communicate
  - ▶ Shared decision making



# Quality Improvement & Medical Homes

## ▶ CMS Child Health Quality Demonstration Grant Project

**Goal:** To establish and evaluate a national quality system for children's health care provided through Medicaid/CHIP

## ▶ Grant awarded to Alaska Medicaid Program Collaborative with Oregon and W. Virginia

T-CHIC (Tri-State Children's Health Improvement Consortium)



# Quality Improvement & Medical Homes

## Child Health Quality Grant to T-CHIC

- ▶ **Awarded:** March 2010; 5-Year Project
- ▶ **Objective:** To demonstrate the impact of the patient-centered care delivery model and health information technology on the quality of children's care
- ▶ **Alaska's allocation:** \$4 million (total)  
Half dedicated to grants/contracts to practice sites to test
  - ▶ Quality measures and/or
  - ▶ Effectiveness of patient-centered medical home



# Quality Improvement & Medical Homes

## 1. Personal Physician

*Ongoing relationship*

## 2. Physician-Directed Medical Practice

*Physician-led team responsible for care*

## 3. Whole Person Orientation

*Physician is responsible for ALL patient's health needs*

## 4. Care is Coordinated and/or Integrated

*Across physicians, hospitals, home health, nursing homes*

## 5. Quality and Safety

*Care planning, evidenced-based medicine, clinical decision support and performance measurement*

## 6. Enhanced Access

*Open scheduling, expanded hours and new communication options*

## 7. Payment

*Must "appropriately recognize the added value to patients"*



# AK T-CHIC Medical Home Practice Sites

- ▶ Waivered grant will be issued to Unalaska
- ▶ An additional 1-3 practice sites will be awarded a grant under a competitive RFP process
  - ▶ RFP will be released this month
- ▶ This year's grantees must be non-profit; opportunities in future years for for-profit sites
- ▶ Tribal and non-Tribal providers desired
- ▶ Providers' EHRs will need to be certified by CMS





# Elderly Care Management

## ▶ **PACE is one option**

- ▶ “Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly”
- ▶ Medicare and Medicaid waiver program
- ▶ Capitated managed care benefit for the frail elderly
- ▶ Features
  - ▶ Comprehensive medical and social services
  - ▶ Interdisciplinary team approach
  - ▶ Based in an adult day health center
  - ▶ Supplemented by in-home and referral services



# Elderly Care Management

## ▶ **Current Status of PACE Development**

- ▶ Discussion with provider organizations initiated
- ▶ Next Steps
  - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> must establish minimum population base
  - ▶ Conduct an actuarial study and develop reimbursement methodology
  - ▶ Submit State Plan Amendment to CMS
  - ▶ Contract for PACE pilot in tribal and non-tribal care systems
  - ▶ Report on results



*Thank You!*