

AFFINITY GROUP: School Health Home Concept Presentation

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PURPOSE: Explore and identify long term financing strategies for school health services

- **Goal One:** Identify Funding Strategies Used in Other States that Could be Used in MI
- **Goal Two:** Identify and Analyze Medicaid Match Opportunities
- **Goal Three:** Identify Model of Care
- **Goal Four:** Identify Promising Practices

Building On Work Over Last 10 Years

Team Of Experts Convened Including HMA

Meeting Over the Last Year

School Health Financing Workgroup Established

Experts in Finance, Medicaid, Models of Care, etc.

School Stakeholders Workgroup

Robust Group of Stakeholders

Inclusive of Superintendents, Health Plans, Schools, Advocacy Groups

EXCITING WORK

- ▶ **Other State Financing Strategies:** Four Other States Sought Medicaid Waivers
New Mexico, Louisiana, Georgia, California
- ▶ **Medicaid Match:**
Administrative Claiming, Direct Billing, Match of Existing Funds, MCO Contracts
- ▶ **School Health Home:**
Creating a package of health services for Medicaid school aged children

Building a **SYSTEM OF CARE** School Health Home

▶ Long Term Goals

- Move Away from Grant Funding
- Move to Care for All
- Maximize current GF funding used for delivery of health care services
- More than \$100 million is spent on health care services in schools

▶ Short Term Goal - Leverage Federal Match

- Use GF appropriates to begin the process in a controlled way
- Use the special education financing strategy to begin the first year

Federal Match Strategy

- ▶ History of Using Such Strategies - CAHCs, Special Education, Admin Claiming
- ▶ Federal Match Strategy - Requires Partners and Trust - Mitigate Take Backs

CPE Model - Crude Projections

\$50 Million in GF - Generate Another \$35-40 Million - Total \$85-90 million

Taking into Consideration Medicaid Population (40%)

Schools Would have to Put on GF Dollars/Services for Non-Medicaid

Moving Forward One Step At a Time

- ▶ First Step Achieved - Recognition that local funds used at the district level can be matched
- ▶ Model of Care Created - School Health Homes/School Health Teams
- ▶ Federal Policy Aligns with this through the Free Care Letter from CMS
- ▶ State Policy Aligns with Mental Health - Broader recognition of provider types
- ▶ Potential State Appropriation and Directive
- ▶ Relationship with MCOs and PIHPS

Next Steps - One Step at a Time

- ▶ **Aligning state policy to match federal policy - lots of steps**
- ▶ Model out match strategy through administrative claiming process
- ▶ Model out match strategy on local educational funds
- ▶ Develop statewide model of care that can be implemented statewide

Thanks for Sharing in the Excitement

QUESTIONS