

Health Reform for People with HIV / AIDS

“Experiences from the field”

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A discussion concerning the pathway for the HIV System of Care in the context of Healthcare Reform and trends in the environment for PLWH;

Navigating crossroads in turbulent times....

- HCR updates and consumers surveyed:
 - Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Orange and Hillsborough EMAs
 - Statewide PCPG Group
 - Part B areas: FWB, Pensacola, Volusia, Tallahassee and Belle Glade. 5 consortia in total
 - National Gay Men's Health Summit & 3 SISTA meetings
 - Over 300 consumers in total

Changing Environment:

Trends in concerns from the field:

- Losing their current providers, agencies, services etc...
- For the underinsured and low income employees – glad to see exchanges, want to contribute to their healthcare
- general lack of awareness & details to what's happening for them, and their agencies. Where to go for information
- Worry their medications will not be covered and the appeal process is not in place
- Uncertainty over the fate of the Ryan White Programs they utilize – will they go away? Not sure how local folks get to weigh in on this reauthorization
- ADAPS – how they will look / access after reform occurs
- How the Feds will require better interaction with Medicaid programs for consumers, (it is currently impossible to affect change with them)
- How will the federal gov't keep us informed? What training will there be? Like Medicare Part D?

Immediate Implementation Questions

- Prevention/Wellness Funding: Will it be available for HIV prevention in 2011?
- Federal High Risk Pool Insurance Plans:
 - Affordable access for persons with HIV?
 - Will we be able to supplement through RW part B funded insurance continuation programs?

More Implementation



- Will ADAPs be able to provide a “bridge” to 2014 when expanded coverage becomes available? Where are the details?
- Infrastructure Preparedness – how will HIV programs build it? Will HRSA give TA to help agencies make the transition
- PLWHA and Provider Education – how will it happen? (Medicare Part D model)