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From: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL)
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 5:57 PM
To: Guevara, Natalia T. (CMS/OL)
Subject: FW: ACTION: Request for OACT Score on Legislation

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL)
>Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 1:14 PM
>To: Foster, Richard S. (CMS/OACT)
>Cc: Snow, Jennifer M. (CMS/OL); Klemm, John D. (CMS/OACT); Mussey,
>Solomon M. (CMS/OACT); Strauss, Isidor R. (CMS/OACT)
>Subject: RE: ACTION: Request for OACT Score on Legislation

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>Hi Rick,
>Yes, both Amy and the HHS Office of Health Reform have been in
>communication with Connie Garner with the HELP Committee relaying your
>concerns about the actuarial soundness of the CLASS Act. Both in
>Committee and subsequent to that, she has been working on changes to
>the bill, in part to address those issues. We haven't seen either the
>"reported" version or any other changes yet, however. They have been
>holding close to the vest. We will have additional opportunities to
>provide comment as the process moves forward. Once we get Connie's
>additional changes and as this moves along, we'd like to enlist you to
>review and provide additional feedback and suggestions for improvement.
>Thank you for following up.
>Best,
>Jill

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>From: Foster, Richard S. (CMS/OACT)
>Sent: Friday, August 14, 2009 9:30 PM
>To: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL); Mussey, Solomon M. (CMS/OACT)
>Cc: Snow, Jennifer M. (CMS/OL); Klemm, John D. (CMS/OACT); Strauss,
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>Jill,
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>Thanks for the word. As you know, I continue to be convinced that the
>CLASS proposal is not "actuarially sound," despite Sen. Kennedy's
>staff's good intentions. I assume you've conveyed these concerns to
>the staff but, if not, let me know and we can express the concerns in a
>memo.

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>Thanks again,
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>Rick

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>From: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL)

>Sent: Fri 8/14/2009 6:36 PM
>To: Mussey, Solomon M. (CMS/OACT); Foster, Richard S. (CMS/OACT)
>Cc: Snow, Jennifer M. (CMS/OL); Klemm, John D. (CMS/OACT); Strauss,
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>Dear Rick and Sol,
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>I am writing to inform you that I spoke with Jill Hunter-Williams with
>Cong. Danny Davis' office earlier today, and she withdrew her request
>for scoring on two variations of the Community Choice Act. She
>explained that she is working through Senate offices to obtain a score from CBO.
>Thank you, and Isi especially, for your work to date on this request. I
>will also notify Erin Sutton, Jon Blum's Special Assistant, that this
>specific request is no longer active.

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>Best,

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>Jill

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>From: Mussey, Solomon M. (CMS/OACT)
>Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 9:31 AM
>To: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL); Foster, Richard S. (CMS/OACT)
>Cc: Snow, Jennifer M. (CMS/OL); Klemm, John D. (CMS/OACT); Strauss,
>Isidor R. (CMS/OACT)
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>Jill,

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>It is difficult to estimate how long it would take to score this bill.
>We first need answers to some questions that were made in an update to
>Jon Blum the other day. I have attached that email. If you can assist
>in getting responses from the appropriate people, we would be in a much
>better shape to answer your question. Thanks in advance for your help.

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>Sol

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>From: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL)
>Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 10:10 AM
>To: Foster, Richard S. (CMS/OACT); Mussey, Solomon M. (CMS/OACT)
>Cc: Snow, Jennifer M. (CMS/OL); Klemm, John D. (CMS/OACT); Strauss,
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>Dear Rick and Sol,

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>I am writing to ask for your assistance with a request our office
>received from Jill Hunter-Williams with Cong. Danny Davis' office. In
>essence, she's asked for CMS' help in scoring two policy options that
>are based on the Community Choice Act of 2009 (S. 683), which they are
>calling CCA. After considering this request, would you be able to give
>me your best estimate of how long it would take to provide a score,
>given the lengthy queue that I am certain that you and your staff are
>managing?

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>Thank you.

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>Best,

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>Jill

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>1. A multi-state demonstration of the Community Choice Act. The
>staffer is trying to gauge what kind of dollars would enable them to do
>a demo of CCA within a handful of states so that we can test the costs
>and savings associated with the program. They understand that there
>are certain states (e.g., AL, MS, KY, TN, LA) that do not have much in
>terms of home and community based services, while there are other
>states that have moderate investments or high investments in home and
>community based services. The idea is to test the CCA approach within
>about 2 or

>3 states that have no really home and community based infrastructure
>and
>2 states that have a moderate investment to see what the costs/savings
>are over time. Given that CMS crunched a \$68 billion for a nation-wide
>implementation of CCA, they are trying to determine the costs of doing
>a limited demonstration.

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>2. Making the Community Choice Act a state option under Medicaid
>to give persons who are (1) Medicaid eligible, (2) qualify for an
>institutional level of care the option of receiving services in the
>community, and (3) choose to receive such supports and services.

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>Bottom line, they want to know if there is an assumption that is
>driving the cost and that they in turn may need to reconsider, it would
>be helpful to provide this information. For example, the legislation
>does not stipulate that the costs of community based services cannot
>exceed the cost of nursing home care.

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>From: Hunter-Williams, Jill
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>Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 1:33 PM
>To: Hunter-Williams, Jill; Hall, Amy (CMS/OL)
>Cc: Boulanger, Jennifer L. (CMS); Guevara, Natalia T. (CMS/OL); Snow,
>Jennifer M. (CMS/OL)
>Subject: RE: CCA issues

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>Whoops. I apparently didn't finish my explanation of the CCA as
>Medicaid option. So sorry. Health care reform is keeping me hopping
>and apparently distracted. The current HCBS waivers and PCS options
>allow states to limit these services. What we mean by making CCA an
>option is to make all of the parameters of CCA to rule in terms of the
>mandatory choice of nursing home or HCBS. Does that make sense?

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>Again, I'm sorry I had an incomplete thought before!

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>From: Hunter-Williams, Jill
>Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 10:26 AM
>To: 'Hall, Amy (CMS/OL)'; Hunter-Williams, Jill
>Cc: Boulanger, Jennifer L. (CMS); Guevara, Natalia T. (CMS/OL); Snow,
>Jennifer M. (CMS/OL)
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>Hello Amy,

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>Thank you so much for your help. With regard to the demonstration, you
>are correct. We are trying to gauge what kind of dollars we are
>looking at to do a demo of CCA within a handful of states so that we
>can test the costs and savings associated with the program. I

>understand that there are certain states (e.g., AL, MS, KY, TN, LA)
>that do not have much in terms of home and community based services. I
>know that there are other states that have moderate investments or high
>investments in home and community based services. I can find out which
>states these are if it would be helpful. The idea is to test the CCA
>approach within about 2 or 3 states that have no really home and
>community based infrastructure and 2 states that have a moderate
>investment to see what the costs/savings are over time. Given that CMS
>crunched a \$68 billion for a nation-wide implementation of CCA, we are
>trying to determine the costs of doing a limited demonstration.

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>With regard to the state option, the existing waivers and PCS options
>do not allow for the assumptions under CCA. CCA requires states to
>give persons who are (1) Medicaid eligible and (2) qualify for an
>institutional level of care the option of receiving services in the
>community.

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>In addition, if there is an assumption that would help limit the cost
>that your actuaries see, we are open to advice. For example, the
>legislation does not stipulate that the costs of community based
>services cannot exceed the cost of nursing home care. My boss is very
>willing to include this limitation. Or, if we need to drop the FMAP
>increase, we're game. Let me know if you need additional answers.

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>Many thanks for sharing your expertise,

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>Jill

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>Hi Jill,

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>Your request to Alejandro Perez for CMS to look into pricing two CCA
>options has made its way to me. We will be happy to look into it. As I
>understand it, the two options you requested were:

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>1. a multi-state demonstration of the Community Choice Act,
>perhaps 2-5 states with a few states representing states that have not
>invested in home and community based services and a few states that
>have a moderate investment; and (2) making the Community Choice Act a
>state option under Medicaid.

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>We can certainly look at #1 but I am not sure what it means to have CCA
>be an option. States can already offer these services under the
>personal care option or the full range of HCBS waiver services under
>the new 1915(i) option. We would need more clarity on what you are
>asking for in #2.

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>Amy