

MA EXPANSION FLYER 11/6/14

HEALTHY PENNSYLVANIA AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

The *Healthy Pennsylvania* reforms drastically alter Medicaid and will affect all Pennsylvanian recipients. The reform both expands Medicaid to cover adults earning under 138% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) AND overhauls the current system. Complete *Healthy Pennsylvania* details have not yet been announced and the information in this flyer is subject to change.

New Benefits Packages

Effective January 1, 2015, all Medicaid enrollees, whether newly or traditionally eligible, will be enrolled into one of three benefits packages. The current *Healthy Pennsylvania* proposal assigns any person living with HIV/AIDS to the *Healthy Plus* package (formerly called High-Risk). Benefits package details have not yet been announced, but it is expected that the *Healthy Plus* package will provide the most generous coverage and the *Healthy PA PCO* plan will provide the least.

Healthy Plus (High-Risk)

- A modification of the now-existing Medicaid benefits package. Reductions are expected, but coverage will not be as limited as the low-risk plan.
- ALL people living with HIV/AIDS should receive the high-risk benefits package, regardless of whether they are traditionally eligible or newly eligible as they are by definition considered “medically frail.”

Healthy (Low-Risk)

- A modification of the now existing Medicaid benefits package. Drastic reductions in current coverage are expected.
- Only for traditionally eligible Medicaid enrollees. Not available for those eligible under the expansion.

Healthy PA PCO (Essential Health Benefits)

- Benefits under this package are defined by the ACA and include the minimum essential health benefits a health plan must offer to participate in the healthcare.gov Exchange.
- All newly eligible Medicaid enrollees are assigned this package, unless “medically frail.”
- Starting in 2016, non-emergency medical transportation will be covered and individuals earning more than 100% FPL may be charged a premium.

The Sorting Process

Traditionally Eligible

Most traditionally eligible enrollees will be assigned either to the *Healthy Plus* or the *Healthy* benefits package. This includes people receiving Medicaid through SSI, Health Horizons, MAWD, and TANF. GA-related Medicaid recipients will be assigned to either the *Healthy Plus* or *Healthy PA PCO* benefits package. All people living with HIV/AIDS, according to the *Healthy Pennsylvania* proposal, should be enrolled in the *Healthy Plus* benefits package.

Newly Eligible

Newly eligible Medicaid recipients will be enrolled into the *Healthy PA PCO* benefits package unless “medically frail.” Medically frail individuals will be enrolled in a Healthy Plus package. *Healthy Pennsylvania*’s proposed definition of medically frail includes people living with HIV/AIDS.

