

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Oversight of Medicaid Reform Waiver
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, February 29, 2012
PLACE: Senate Chamber
CHAIR: Sen. Jane Nelson

The Medicaid Reform Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee will meet to discuss the design and development of the Medicaid reform waiver to transition existing Medicaid payment systems and benefits to a more efficient and cost-effective model.

The waiver must be designed to achieve the following objectives regarding the Medicaid program and alternatives to the program:

- (1) provide flexibility to determine Medicaid eligibility categories and income levels;
- (2) provide flexibility to design Medicaid benefits that meet the demographic, public health, clinical, and cultural needs of this state or regions within this state;
- (3) encourage use of the private health benefits coverage market rather than public benefits systems;
- (4) encourage people who have access to private employer-based health benefits to obtain or maintain those benefits;
- (5) create a culture of shared financial responsibility, accountability, and participation in the Medicaid program;
- (6) consolidate federal funding streams to ensure the most effective and efficient use of those funding streams;
- (7) allow flexibility in the use of state funds used to obtain federal matching funds;
- (8) empower individuals who are uninsured to acquire health benefits coverage through the promotion of cost-effective coverage models that provide access to affordable primary, preventive, and other health care on a sliding scale, with fees paid at the point of service; and
- (9) allow for the redesign of long-term care services and supports to increase access to patient-centered care in the most cost-effective manner.

Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies with your name on each.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **