



Connecticut Medicaid Managed Care Council

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August 20, 2008

Honorable M.Jodi Rell
Governor
State Capitol, Room 202
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Governor Rell:

The Medicaid Managed Care Council adopted a resolution addressed to your office at the August 20, 2008 meeting that would provide more time for the development of adequate provider networks and health care service access for the HUSKY and Charter Oak Health Plan populations.

The Legislative Medicaid Managed Care Council has the statutory authority to advise the Commissioner of Social Services on the implementation of the system of managed care for the HUSKY A and B programs (CGA 17b-28 (a)) and makes recommendations about the programs that include eligibility standards, benefits, quality of care and member access (CGA 17b-289b)).

Pursuant to this mandate, the Council has been reviewing the very slow progress in the development of the new HUSKY and Charter Oak Health Plans' provider networks that are linked together under the three managed care organization contracts with the Department of Social Services. Health provider enrollment in the two new health plans for the HUSKY programs has been adversely impacted by issues related to Charter Oak Health Plan. The Council has repeatedly expressed concerns to the Department about the inadequacy of the new plan's provider networks to date, especially with the planned start of the HUSKY transition in Middlesex County September 1, 2008.

A motion that the Medicaid Managed Care Council adopt a resolution addressed to the Governor was unanimously passed by voting members in attendance. The two recommendations in the motion are:

1. to freeze enrollment in the Charter Oak Plan until July 1, 2009
2. to delay implementation of the HUSKY program as part of the Charter Oak health plan implementation also to July 1, 2009.

The serious concern about the lack of availability of health care services to HUSKY

children and their parents underlies the heart of this resolution. Legislator Council members emphasized their intent to work in partnership with the Governor's office to ensure the continued success of the HUSKY programs and the positive impact of the Charter Oak Plan on reducing some portion of the uninsured population in Connecticut. Health plan coverage is important; however actual access to health care services is equally important.

We appreciate receiving your response to this resolution. The legislative Council will continue to work toward creating a partnership with your office in addressing these significant health care issues.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni N. Harp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sen. Toni N. Harp
Chair, Medicaid Managed Care Council

CC: Medicaid Council membership
Commissioner, DSS



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Medicaid Managed Care Council Meeting August 20, 2008

Council Motion:

Rep. Peter Villano made a motion, seconded by Rep. David McCluskey, ***that the Medicaid Managed Care Council adopt a resolution addressed to Governor Rell making two recommendations:***

- 1. to Freeze enrollment in the Charter Oak Plan until July 1, 2009 and***
- 2. To delay implementation of the HUSKY program as part of Charter Oak Health Plan implementation also to July 1, 2009***

The objective (of this motion) is to provide time to develop adequate provider networks to service the client populations

Vote: 10 yes of voting members present, no nays, no abstentions



M. Jodi Rell
GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

August 25, 2008

Connecticut Medicaid Managed Care Council
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Dear Members:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 20, 2008.

While I appreciate your concerns and your resolution – Husky and Charter Oak will move forward on schedule.

Sincerely,

M. Jodi Rell

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Governor