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Stakeholder Meetings on Medicaid Care Management Step 2

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services will soon be holding a series of public stakeholder meetings on Step 2 of Medicaid Care Management.

Step 2 will phase in implementation of long-term care services, including personal care services used by those with Choices for Independence waivers.

It is vital that DHHS receives your feedback to ensure that Step 2 is implemented in an effective manner that reflects the needs of consumers. At this point in time, Step 2 will be implemented beginning September 2015.

The meeting dates, times, and locations are as follows:

- 12/1/14 1:30 – 3:30pm
Department of Health & Human Services, Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St. Concord NH
- 12/2/14 1:30 – 3:30pm
Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street, Keene NH
- 12/8/14 1:00 – 3:00pm
Genesis Healthcare – Lebanon Center, 24 Old Etna Road, Lebanon NH
- 12/10/14 12:45 – 2:45pm
Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton, NH
- 12/16/14 1:30 – 3:30pm
Department of Health & Human Services, Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St. Concord NH



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All forums are open to the public, but registration is encouraged. To register please contact Kimberly Hillson at:

kjhillson@dhhs.state.nh.us or dial 271-9215. If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, contact Kimberly at least 5 business days before the event. At least 5 business days advance notice is requested in order to assure availability; requests made fewer than 5 days prior to the event will attempt to be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed.

On Nov 24, Governor Hassan presented an Executive Order to reduce state spending. The Executive Order proposed to cut over \$18 million from the Executive Branch. The Governor stated this action was necessary for two reasons: 1) The continued shortfall in **Business Tax** revenue and 2) The higher than projected **Medicaid caseload increases** within DHHS (particularly for children).

The Governor stated that protecting public health and public safety were the priorities in making these reductions in spending. In addition, the Governor stated that DHHS is continuing to make “significant cuts” and they will be outlining further reductions at a later date. DHHS is not impacted by this Executive Order.

Finally, Governor Hassan stated that legislation will be presented “in the coming weeks” to cut even more spending from the Legislative and Judicial branches, and other areas that cannot be addressed without legislation.

The Governor stated that this order does not impact the DD wait list.