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Dear Colleague:

As a contractor with the AIDS Institute or provider of HIV Medicaid services, we want to make you aware of changes to the Medicaid program for many PLWHA. ***The following change applies only to Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS living in New York City.***

In August, 2010, the Department of Health will begin to expand mandatory managed care enrollment in NYC to *Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS*. Persons with HIV/AIDS who are currently exempt based on their HIV infection will no longer be considered exempt from mandatory enrollment in Medicaid managed care. Your HIV+ patients with Medicare, ADAP, other Medicaid exemptions or exclusions, or private insurance will not be affected by this change.

Beginning in August, 2010 enrollment will begin with eligible Medicaid beneficiaries living in Brooklyn. The roll-out effort will be completed by borough proceeding to Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. We expect that 2500 eligible PLWHA will be contacted each month and enrollment of current Medicaid beneficiaries will be phased in over a twelve month period. If you are a direct service provider in NYC, we will keep you informed of timeframes that will affect you and *Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS*.

Below are two links to information that you may want to become familiar with.

New York State DOH website links

www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/managed_care includes link to, "Medicaid Managed Care for People with HIV and AIDS" a Q and A document prepared by the Division of Managed Care with the AIDS Institute.

New York City DOHMH website links

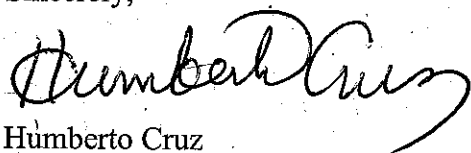
New York City DOHMH maintains resources on-line related to Medicaid managed care:

www.nyc.gov/health/managedcare, includes provider manuals on Medicaid Managed Care and HIV SNPs as well as information for consumers with link to- "What Managed Care Plans Are Available in My Neighborhood?"

If you are a Medicaid clinical provider it is important to let your patients know which health plan networks you are in. Preserving the existing treatment relationships is the highest priority in this transition and the Department will be working with health plans, HIV providers and community organizations to assist beneficiaries and to assure a smooth transition.

We continue to develop resources for providers and community based programs to obtain additional information. If you have specific questions that are not addressed in the posted documents please contact your AI program contract manager or post a question directly to HIVPCMP@health.state.ny.us and someone will get back to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Humberto Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Humberto Cruz
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