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Healthcare Providers Support Release of CCN Request for Proposals' Data

Both the public and healthcare providers have watched with great interest as Louisiana continues efforts to move a large segment of the Medicaid population into Coordinated Care Networks (CCNs). Last week, it was widely reported that the three health plans that the Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) recommended to receive prepaid CCN program contracts brought action against DHH for its intent to publically release the proposals submitted by those plans.

As the Louisiana Medicaid program is undergoing a major transformation in both its operations and its methodology for delivering care, the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Hospital Association and the Metropolitan Hospital Council of New Orleans are supportive of any efforts to make the CCN programs both transparent and accountable.

Since the CCNs will be responsible for managing billions of tax dollars in healthcare expenditures within the Medicaid program, it is in the best interest of the residents of Louisiana and the stakeholders in the Medicaid program to have as much information as possible about these contracts to assist the state, healthcare providers and, most importantly, the patient during this time of transition.

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