FSSA Responses to the Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight
August 11, 2010

- Description of the planning process FSSA has developed to manage the implementation of the programmatic and structural changes resulting from federal health care reform (HCR). Include correspondence with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other HCR-related entities. Include plans for identifying and accessing competitive and non-competitive grants for which the state is eligible. Discuss how the agency is working with health community stakeholders to do the planning and steps being taken to ensure the protection of patients' privacy with regard to medical records and systems.

  - Since the Affordable Care Act's passage last spring, the State has been studying the ACA legislation and evaluating its provisions, fiscal impact and grant opportunities, alongside current programming, policy and statute. FSSA & the Indiana Department of Insurance have been coordinating their evaluation of the legislation, alongside other applicable state agencies. Various subcommittees meet on a regular basis to discuss specific provisions in the legislation such as Medicaid Eligibility, Medicaid Expansion and the Health Care Exchange.

    On August 24, 25 and 27th, at 10am in State House Room 233, stakeholder meetings will be held for insurers, providers and business leaders each to express their thoughts and concerns regarding the legislation. RSVPs and written feedback are being requested prior to the meetings. An online questionnaire will be made available to employers, insurers and providers as follow-up to the stakeholder meetings at the end of the month. Additionally, a website will soon be made available to the general public.

    Please see the attached two documents. One is a letter to CMS Director Cindy Mann regarding the Healthy Indiana Plan. The second document is a summary of work that was given to the Health Finance Commission at their June 15th meeting, but has been updated to reflect work since that date. The requested information regarding grants is provided in response to the request "List federal funding opportunities" below.

- What is the status of implementing the provision of family planning services in the State's Medicaid plan as required by SEA 572 (2005)? Has OMPP initiated plans to adopt the family planning provision under the HCR legislation, which allows for implementation by an amendment to the state's Medicaid plan (eliminating the requirement for a waiver) and provides for a 90% federal match?

  - Please see attached letter dated June 22, 2010 where Secretary Murphy responded to the same inquiry from Senators Vi Simpson & Sue Errington.

- List federal funding opportunities that assist with planning and preparation for reform. Identify grant details, barriers preventing application, the type of the assistance the agency needs to apply/participate, and a list of those opportunities, if any, for which Indiana has applied.

  o The ACA provides a number of funding and grant opportunities, many for which details have not yet been released. As agencies evaluates grant opportunities, consideration include whether or not there is a match, any maintenance of effort requirement and whether the State has the resources to maintain the program once the grant ends. A list of grants for which FSSA or other agencies have applied follows:

    - Grants to States for Health Insurance Premium Review, Cycle 1 – IDOI

    - Expansion of MIPPA - IDOI

    - ADRC Options for Counseling and Assistance Programs – FSSA

    - ADRC Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Program – FSSA

    - ADRC Evidence-Based Care Transition Programs – FSSA

    - Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program – DCS

    - Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes – ISDH

  o Grants the State is currently considering:

    - Planning Grant for State Exchanges: Resources for State to Build New Competitive Health Insurance Marketplace

    - Consumer Assistance Grant

    - Supplemental Funding for Health Communities