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Delaying the Copay for Alternative Cost Sharing for Families of Children with Disabilities with Incomes Over 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

News Release

The Department of Human Services Secretary, Gary D. Alexander today, October 5, 2012, released a statement about the department's co-payment initiative for families of eligible children with mental and physical disabilities.

In his statement, Alexander said:

"The department has always preferred the option of applying a premium to this program and will be working with stakeholders who have come to us in support of a premium as opposed to the co-payment. Therefore, we have decided to delay the co-payment initiative, and families will not owe a co-payment for any services until further notice.

"Stakeholders have clearly indicated to the department an understanding of the need for families to contribute to this program. With the delay, there is an opportunity to work with stakeholders to continue to pursue the premium from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We look forward to working with them in achieving this shared goal.

"Once a decision is reached, we will immediately inform any affected families."

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