



**NC Get Covered Coalition Meeting –
The Evolution of the ACA’s Individual Market and Opportunities for Improvement
April 21, 2017, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Community Care of North Carolina’s Training Room,
2300 Rexwoods Drive, Ste. 100, Raleigh**

Meeting Notes

Health Policy Update

Brendan Riley, Policy Analyst, NC Justice Center

- Legislative Update
 - The American Health Care Act was pulled/not voted on.
 - On yesterday, the MacArthur Amendment to the American Health Care Act was released, which would allow states to waive essential health benefits, community rating provisions (if states establish they’re participating in high risk pool), etc.
 - White House pushing for vote next week (maybe on Wednesday to align with the President’s first 100 days), likely with MacArthur Amendment included.
- Regulatory Update
 - CMS’s finalized rule to stabilize the Marketplace was released last Thursday.
 - The rule shortens the Open Enrollment Period (now only 6 wks. long); limits Special Enrollment Period eligibility; introduces pre-enrollment verification before coverage becomes effective (rule becomes effective in June; full pre-enrollment requirements will be phased in); creates limitations for consumers seeking to change metal level plans during SEP; allows insurance companies to deny enrollment until premium debts are paid; etc.
 - Cost Sharing Reductions – Trump administration holding hostage, refusing to pay insurance companies. Still, there is wide-spread support for continuing CSRs.
- State Update
 - HB 662, introduced by Lambeth, would expand Medicaid to working poor, require premium payments of 2% of participant’s household income, and include wellness incentives.

Market Dynamics under North Carolina’s ACA Exchange

Mark Hall, Director of Health Law and Policy Program, Wake Forest University

- **See attached PowerPoint slides.**

An Introduction to Consumer Assistance Services Provided by Smart NC

Susan Nestor, Director, Health Insurance Smart NC, NC Department of Insurance

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