

Hi! This is comment on request for information regarding Statewide LTC reform. Improvement seems to involve the integration of MA fee for service, County Options program, and MA waiver program. Guarantee of health service authority shifts from County level up to State level. MA fee for service, COP, and waiver dollars are combined per State of Wisconsin authority into one pool of available funds. Large health organizations contract with the State of Wisconsin to guarantee delivery of health services to a defined region. This connects the larger health organization through the mechanism of risk management to receive a per member capitated payment from the State of Wisconsin pool of funds. With the authority lifting from County to State, and funding flowing into larger health organizations comes the guaranteeing of health service delivery in larger areas called regions.

I represent Sauk Health Management Group, an organization of interested providers. Sauk Health Management Group is designed to bring more care under health management at the local level for the purpose of reducing expense while maintaining quality. Sauk Health Management Group accepts fee for service from Larger Health Operators certified to manage risk at the regional level. Services would include provider contracts, network development across divisions in delivery as Acute, LTC, Primary, etc. , quality assurance, etc.

Some of our questions involve protected geographical service delivery areas. Contracting that would allow larger organizations to take a stronger role accepting risk allowing for local health management groups to receive viable reimbursement for reducing expense and insuring quality.

All for now, I have been instructed to send this off to you before Christmas. Thanks for your consideration.

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