

Redesigning New York's Medicaid Program

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"It is of compelling public importance that the State conduct a fundamental restructuring of its Medicaid program to achieve measurable improvement in health outcomes, sustainable cost control and a more efficient administrative structure."

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, January 5, 2011

New York State Medicaid Redesign Team Selected as a 2015 Finalist for the Innovations in American Government Award



The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, recognized the Medicaid Redesign Team as one of five finalists in the 2015 Innovations in American Government Awards competition. The award recognizes dedicated government initiatives that address policy issues such as economic development, environmental and community revitalization, public health, equal access to education, emergency preparedness, and health care. More information on how the MRT was selected as a finalist can be found here: <https://www.innovations.harvard.edu/medicaid-redesign-team>

DSRIP and MRT Waiver Amendment Information

On April 14, 2014, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York has finalized terms and conditions with the federal government for a groundbreaking waiver that will allow the state to reinvest \$8 billion in federal savings generated by Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) reforms. The MRT waiver amendment will transform the state's health care system, bend the Medicaid cost curve, and ensure access to quality care for all Medicaid members.

The Medicaid 1115 waiver amendment will enable New York to fully implement the MRT action plan, facilitate innovation, lower health care costs over the long term, and save scores of essential safety net providers from financial ruin. The waiver allows the state to reinvest over a five-year period \$8 billion of the \$17.1 billion in federal savings generated by MRT reforms.

The waiver amendment dollars will address critical issues throughout the state and allow for comprehensive reform through a Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. The DSRIP program will promote community-level collaborations and focus on system reform, specifically a goal to achieve a 25 percent reduction in avoidable hospital use over five years. Safety net providers will be required to collaborate to implement innovative projects focusing on system transformation, clinical improvement and population health improvement. Single providers will be ineligible to apply. All DSRIP funds will be based on performance linked to achievement of project milestones.

Public comment on the MRT waiver amendment will be solicited through the MRT website, webinars and public hearings to take place over the next several weeks. Additional information, including the waiver special terms and conditions, list of eligible safety net providers, descriptions of eligible projects, and other overview documents are available at the DSRIP link below.

More information is available at:

- [Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment \(DSRIP\) Program](#)
- [MRT Waiver Amendment Update](#)

MRT News and Updates

- [Videos](#)
- [Presentations](#)
- [News Articles and Clips on MRT](#)

MRT Project Updates and Status Reports

- [Progress Updates](#)

MRT Listserv

MRT listserv is a notification system that allows subscribers to receive emails updates on MRT news, events, and initiatives.

- [Sign up for the MRT listserv now!](#)

MRT Action Plan and Final Report

- [Medicaid Redesign Team Final Report and Action Plan](#) (PDF, 2MB)
- [Companion Document: Medicaid Redesign Team Work Group Final Recommendations](#) (PDF, 18MB)

About The Medicaid Redesign Team

Key MRT Initiatives

- On September 29, 2015, Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) held a long term care forum on the future of Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) and Fully Integrated Dual Advantage (FIDA). As part of the forum, the state released a white paper with draft ideas for modifications. At the meeting there was a lively discussion and many opinions were shared. Public comment was accepted through October 9, 2015.
 - [LTC Forum White Paper](#) (PDF, 426KB)
 - [LTC Forum Slides 9.29.15](#) (PDF, 734Kb)
- [Fully Integrated Duals Advantage \(FIDA\) Demonstration](#)
CMS and the State of New York will work together in a partnership to improve health care for about 170,000 Medicare-Medicaid members.
 - [CMS Press Release](#)
 - [CMS Fact Sheet](#)
 - [MRT 101: Develop Initiatives to Integrate and Manage Care for Dual Eligibles \(Additional Information\)](#)
 - [FIDA Update & Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) Meeting Discussion](#)
 - [FIDA Stakeholder Meeting Presentation](#) (PDF, 223KB)
 - [FIDA Update & MOU Meeting Webinar](#) (WMV, 22.2MB)