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FSSA ANNOUNCES BEGINNING OF CARE SELECT PROGRAM

INDIANAPOLIS (December 3, 2007) – Today the Family and Social Services Administration announced that Care Select will begin operations in the Central Indiana area. This is a program that will revolutionize the way the State of Indiana cares for people on Medicaid with serious mental illness, developmental disabilities and chronic diseases (currently known as the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid population or ABD). What sets this program apart from other government-sponsored programs is that Care Select will provide resources to these Medicaid patients so that they can take personal responsibility for their healthcare.

“Since becoming the Secretary of FSSA, we put our agency on a single accounting system for the first time in our history, passed an innovative health plan for the uninsured, and moved more people off waiting lists and into services than ever before, but this program will have the most important long term impact for Indiana Medicaid and social services in Indiana,” commented Secretary Mitch Roob. “This is truly an important day for the needy Hoosiers that receive benefits and the Hoosier taxpayers that pay for these benefits.”

The goal of Care Select is to provide a more holistic approach to meeting the ABD population’s health needs. This will be accomplished by providing care coordination and disease and utilization management. Through care coordination and disease management, Care Select clients will receive individualized attention to help them manage their healthcare challenges. This population, as opposed to a majority of Hoosiers, doesn’t suffer from just one, but many different physical ailments. Care Select will provide these individuals with coaching, education, and care management to help them not only deal with their health needs, but lead healthier, more productive lives. They will undergo a health needs assessment, work with a care team to develop a plan of action, and then receive continual support to help them accomplish their healthcare goals. The plans will also be integrating utilization management services to more effectively tailor benefits based on their needs. Currently this population receives no assistance in managing their health needs or navigating the healthcare delivery system.

The two health plans that were chosen to provide Care Select were ADVANTAGE Health Solution, Inc.sm, and MDwise, Inc. Both are Indiana companies who are sponsored by non-profit hospital systems.

Care Select will be rolled regionally to insure a seamless transition.

The Central region, going live today, includes Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Putnam, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, and Rush counties.

The second region (being implemented on March 1, 2008) is the Northern/East Central Region which includes Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Lagrange, Steuber, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, Kociusko, Noble, Dekalb, Whitley, Allen, Miami, Wabash, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Grant, Blackford, Jay, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Fayette, Cass, Howard, Tipton and Union counties.

The last region (being implemented on June 1, 2008) is the South/West region which includes Benton, White, Carroll, Warren, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Vermillion, Parke, Montgomery, Vigo, Clay, Sullivan, Knox, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence, Greene, Owen, Monroe, Brown, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Orange, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Perry, Bartholomew, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Washington, Scott, Jefferson, Ohio, Switzerland, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, and Clark counties.

As the Care Select Program rolls out, it will replace the current Medicaid Select program. The program will not include those in institutions or those dually eligible for Medicare.

Compared to the Hoosier Healthwise population, composed primarily of children and pregnant women and costs the state approximately \$2,400 annually per member, the Care Select population costs \$14,000 a year. Through Care Select, the State will be able to collect valuable data on not only healthcare utilization but healthcare outcomes as well. By increasing the quality of life of these Medicaid recipients, the State of Indiana will reap the long-term benefits of a reduced cost trajectory in Medicaid expenses.

“Care Select will place Indiana on the map as a national leader in care management programs,” commented Dr. Jeffrey Wells M.D., Director of Medicaid for the State of Indiana. “Our clients will experience increased quality of life through better control and management of their illnesses, and by spending resources more effectively the Indiana taxpayer will realize significantly more value. An emphasis on coordination and improved primary care deliver will lead to better medication adherence and compliance and decreases in unnecessary emergency room usage, hospitalizations, and institutional placement.”

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