



Family Care Council

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Statement of Position on Managed Care Family Care Council – Area 1 October 3, 2007

On behalf of the Family Care Council -- Area 1, **we are in full support of the Family Care Council Florida's (FCCF) position on managed care.** Their position can be found at www.fccflorida.org.

Along with FCCF, we do not support transitioning managed care into the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) service system for people with developmental disabilities. **We stand behind the APD**, and believe that the APD deserves to have the opportunity to "fix" the current budget dilemma and to have time to implement current legislative mandates. We strongly oppose any proposal that moves APD and the waiver services into a managed care system.

With APD managing, controlling, and providing services, any savings will go directly to serving individuals with developmental disabilities (specifically, addressing the Medicaid waiting list). With managed care, the savings will go directly to the shareholders of the managed care provider. HMOs have a bad reputation when it comes to providing quality services to the individuals they serve. All one has to do is take a look at the Arizona managed care system for people with developmental disabilities to plainly see how this kind of system will not work for our loved ones.

Managed care systems have experience in serving medical patients and have NO experience in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. Services required are beyond the traditional definition of medical care, yet are critical for people with developmental disabilities.

HMOs are not the answer! Please give the APD an opportunity to make the system better!

For additional information on the Family Care Council Florida's position on managed care for individuals with developmental disabilities, please click on [FY 2007-2008 Legislative Updates](#).