

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000165</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 8/25/06, see attachment</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>8/30/06</i>
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From: <jessicag@uoregon.edu>
To: <huttoe@dhs.state.sc.us>
Date: 8/22/2006 8:04:30 AM
Subject: Consumer Direction in Medicaid

Mr. Kerr
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services

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Dear Mr. Kerr,

I am conducting a research study, funded by the Center for Health Care Strategies, that is tracking consumer directed Medicaid policies nationwide. This link will bring you to a short, 5-10 minute online survey about your state's current and future policies:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=141351616E20185>

Your state's participation is very important and valued. I would greatly appreciate if you or an agency staff person knowledgeable about consumer-directed policies would complete the questionnaire.

The results of this survey will be used to help facilitate learning across states. Thank you very much for your participation. If you have questions or would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

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Please note: If you do not wish to receive further emails, please click the link below.
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r.asp?A=141351616E20185>

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For each of the following consumer directed policies, please indicate whether or not your state is implementing the policy or considering doing so in the future.

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	Current Policy	Planning for 2006 or 2007	Considering for 2008 or later	Not Currently Considering
Offer "health opportunity accounts" or Health Savings Account-like plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide personal health accounts or vouchers for purchasing one's health coverage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enable beneficiaries to use Medicaid dollars to purchase employer-sponsored health coverage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offer cash and counseling program for home or personal care services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Current Policy	Considering for 2006 or 2007	Considering for 2008 or later	Not Currently Considering
Provide financial incentives for engaging in healthy behaviors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide optional Medicaid benefits to recipients engaging in healthy behaviors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide chronically ill beneficiaries individualized disease management assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use financial incentives to encourage use of cost effective health care (e.g. lower cost sharing for primary care than specialty care)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Require cost sharing at nominal levels (\$3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Require cost sharing at substantive levels (above nominal levels)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offer recipients a choice between health plans with different cost sharing arrangements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offer recipients a choice between health plans with benefits that may differ in amount, duration, or scope	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Set annual per recipient maximum Medicaid payment cap	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Provide in-person one on one counseling to assist recipients in making health plan choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide telephone counseling to assist recipients in making health plan choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contract with local community organizations to assist recipients in making health plan choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide quality data for recipients to compare health plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If your state has implemented or is considering any other policies to encourage personal responsibility in Medicaid, please briefly describe them here.

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Thank you for completing this survey on consumer direction in Medicaid. We hope the results of this survey will help to facilitate learning across state Medicaid programs.

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1. <i>Beverly E. Henick</i>	<i>8/25/06</i>		<i>Copy of online survey responses attached.</i>
2. <i>Melan Givi</i>	<i>8/25</i>		<i>not reviewed prior to survey responses being sent.</i>
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Beverly G. Harwell

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Contract with local community organizations to assist recipients in making health plan choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> → Family Coverage
Provide quality data for recipients to compare health plans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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