

**A proposal:
Center Care,
primary care benefits
for today's
uninsured adults**

Center Care: Primary Care for Adults with Low-Income in Rhode Island

- **Eligibility:** Adults without dependent children or disabilities between 0-133% FPL without access to other coverage (public or private)
 - Estimated 35,800 eligible adults
- **Timeframe:** Temporary, limited benefit program – members transferred automatically to Medicaid in 2014
- **Provider network:** Enrolled beneficiaries would choose a primary care clinician at a community health center
- **Administration:** Program will be managed by a Medicaid health plan
- **Benefits:** Include routine check-ups, immunizations, sick visits, chronic disease management, care coordination, vision screening, discounted prescription drugs, family planning services, coordination of access to affordable laboratory and behavioral health services

Center Care: Implementation

- Budget neutral to state
- Modify Global Waiver to draw down federal funds to pay for majority of program (\$5.0 million of \$8.2 million spend)
- The state share of the cost will be met through savings in the Medicaid program.
- Offering this set of primary care services will result in reduced maternity and delivery costs and improved access to a range of health services

Center Care: The Advantages

Good for Rhode Island

- No net cost to state
- Reduces stress on community health centers
- State positioned to leverage 100% of federal financing of Medicaid expansion in 2014 by having members already in system and a medical home

Good for Members

- Members will establish a medical home
- Members will begin management of their medical conditions and be positioned to join full Medicaid in 2014
- Members will gain access to high-quality customer service, case management and social care coordination services provided by a health plan experienced with people who have been traditionally medically disenfranchised