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- Good News
- Bad News
Good News: Desirable place to live
Good News

- Positive business climate
- Growing state
- In healthcare, well-known reputation for innovation, particularly as manifested in our State’s Agency for Health Care Administration
Bad News:

- We are poorly ranked nationwide:
  - Overall healthcare delivery—6th from the worst (along with Texas, New Mexico, California and Louisiana).
  - Nearing 3 million uninsured Floridians
  - 40th in access to care
  - 39th in quality of care
Health Insurance Matters

In Relative Terms...

Better Health Insurance

Improved Access

More Appropriate Health Care

Better Health
Understanding Florida’s Uninsured

- FHIS 1999 and 2004
- Miami-Dade County HIS in 2003
In General the Uninsured Are:

- Minorities (especially Hispanics)
- Relatively low-wage workers
- Seasonal workers
- Part-time workers
- Younger workers
- Employed in smaller firms
Florida Medicaid

- Medicaid covers 17% of Florida’s population
  (2,867,200 Floridians - 2004, Kaiser Family Foundation)
- Over 1.4 million low-income children, or 39% of Florida’s children, are enrolled in Medicaid
- Half of all births in Florida are covered by Medicaid
Florida Medicaid

- Serves
  - 51.2% of all deliveries
  - 63% of nursing home days
  - 903,000 adults – parents, aged and disabled
Florida Medicaid Reform Principles

- Patient responsibility and empowerment
- Marketplace decisions
- Bridging public and private coverage
- Sustainable growth rate
What’s New?

- More Choices for Beneficiaries
  - HMOs and PSNs
  - Customized benefit packages
  - Opt-out to employer-sponsored plans

- Choice Counseling

- Enhanced Benefit Accounts

- Risk-adjusted Rates

- Low-income Pool
Medicaid Reform

- Increased role for managed care
- Greater focus on enrollee choice
- Designed to bridge public and private sectors
- Medicaid to look and feel more like private insurance and medical care in the private sector
In conclusion . . .