



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
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**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Andy Gardiner, President  
**SUBJECT:** Workshop on Senate Plan for Medicaid Sustainability  
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As you are aware, the Senate proposed and passed a new LIP model based on the coverage expansion outlined in the FHIX program. Earlier this week in her testimony before our Committee on Ethics and Elections, AHCA Secretary Liz Dudek indicated our Senate plan would be the model the agency submits to CMS on behalf of the State of Florida.

Unfortunately, at this juncture, we do not know when the plan will be formally submitted as a waiver application. Additionally, CMS is under no obligation to respond to Florida's application by any particular deadline.

Considering this uncertainty surrounding critical health care issues, I have asked Chair Lee to utilize the first portion of the final meeting of our Committee on Appropriations, scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m. to host a workshop during which all Senators will have the opportunity to hear from our Senate professional staff about potential funding scenarios and implications for their constituents.

The workshop will also include a brief history and summary of the issues surrounding the discussion on LIP and Medicaid, as well as background on the Senate's comprehensive plan for Medicaid Sustainability. We will include time for public testimony to enable Senators to hear from the people who will be impacted by our decisions on these issues.

I encourage all Senators to make this workshop a priority and look forward to seeing you there.