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Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) does not support transitioning managed care into the APD service system. FCCF supports the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). It is FCCF position that APD merits the time to fully implement current legislative mandates.

FCCF opposes any proposal that moves APD and the waiver services into a managed care program. *(Also see FCCF Talking Point paper)*

1. HMOs will be experimenting on Florida's individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) to provide all their services. (No other state has tried what is being proposed in Florida)
2. HMOs have experience in serving medical patients and have no experience supporting individuals with DD.
3. HMOs do not have to adhere to the Medicaid waiver service handbook.
4. HMOs can "opt out" of providing services to individuals with DD.
5. HMOs will add additional administrative costs, taking away from services.
6. HMO rates will be prohibitive to attract and retain quality providers.
7. HMO provider network selection will be very limited - Residential Habilitation (group homes); Supported Living Coaching; Supported Employment Coaching; Personal Care Assistance; Physicians; Specialists; Therapists; etc.
8. HMOs primary focus will be on cost reduction and not services:
 - o HMOs must make a profit for their shareholder(s).
 - o HMOs will select the least expensive service/treatment to save money.
 - o HMO providers will receive a reduced reimbursement for services.

The mission of the Family Care Council Florida is to advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency, to bring quality services to individuals for dignity and choice.