



State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2017

TO: Community-Based Care CEOs
Regional Managing Directors

FROM: David L. Fairbanks, Deputy Secretary *David L. Fairbanks*

SUBJECT: SFY 2016-17 Risk Pool Application Extension

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Regional Managing Directors and Community-Based Care (CBC) Lead Agency leaders of the extension for submission of Risk Pool Applications for state fiscal year (FY) 2016-17.

BACKGROUND: November 2016 the Department began the implementation of the community-based care risk pool initiative for FY 2016-17 to select which lead agencies would receive Risk Pool funding for this state fiscal year. Four (4) CBC Lead Agencies meeting the Tier I criteria were assessed during Phase I of the Risk Pool process to evaluate FY 2016-17 Risk Pool needs. Based on the results of onsite reviews and the Peer Review teams recommendations the decision was made to move forward with awarding Risk Pool funding to three (3) of the four (4) Tier I applicants.

In reviewing 2nd quarter projections, The Department anticipates there may be other CBC Lead Agencies at potential risk for experiencing current year deficits, and may require additional funding for this fiscal year. As we explore potential mitigation strategies to resolve deficits, the Department encourages CBCs meeting eligibility criteria to submit applications for Risk Pool funding, in the event additional funding becomes available via a Back of the Bill appropriation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- The CBC projects a **current year** deficit in excess of their available carry forward funds. (Note: Prior year deficits carried forward are excluded from the calculation of current year deficits.)
- The CBC has submitted to the Department's Office of CBC/ME Financial Accountability a Plan to Achieve Financial Viability.
- The CBC is implementing its Financial Viability Plan with a high degree of fidelity.

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ACTION REQUESTED:

- *CBC Lead Agency leaders*, if your CBC decides to apply please submit a signed application to your respective Regional Managing Director no later than **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**.
- *Regional Managing Directors*, please review and submit all completed applications to David Fairbanks, Deputy Secretary, no later than **Friday, March 31, 2017**.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Should you have any questions about this communication, please contact Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare JoShonda Guerrier at joshonda.guerrier@myflfamilies.com or Barney Ray, CBC/ME Financial Accountability Director at barney.ray@myflfamilies.com.

ATTACHMENTS:

Risk Pool Funding Application SFY 2016-17
Section 409.990(7), Florida Statutes

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