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BCBSF STATEMENT ON THE INTERIM FLORIDA HEALTH PLAN

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida (BCBSF) is encouraged by the Interim Florida Health Plan's reliance on managed care and the private sector as the basis for improving the State's health care system. A system based on competitive managed care is a realistic and proven approach to controlling medical costs.

However, without massive increases in taxpayer support for the Medicaid expansions and other recommendations in the Plan, the December 1994 target for universal access is unachievable. The Legislature and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) should reconsider the access target so that it is consistent with development of the positive reforms contained in the Interim Florida Health Plan.

A great deal of work also remains to be done to specify how the Community Health Purchasing Alliances would function, including how they would be structured and contribute to solving the problems of cost and access.

We look forward to working with Governor Chiles and the AHCA on further development of the Interim Florida Health Plan.