



Effective Health Care

Medicaid Services Annual Review Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Medicaid services annual review does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because it concerns policy issues, not the assessment of care delivery effectiveness issues or the comparative effectiveness of a health care drug, intervention, device, or technology. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator: Individual

Nomination Summary: The nominator is concerned about how annual reviews for state Medicaid programs are conducted on services for permanently disabled recipients. The nominator states that reviews for permanently disabled clients who do not have the possibility of stem cell transplant or a “miracle from on high” because of their age or severity of condition are costly, abusive, compromise consumers' status with employees, and ignore physicians' assessments. The nominator would like to see a more stratified method of evaluation, but it is not clear from the nomination exactly what this entails. The nominator's concerns appear to be directed at disabled clients' ability to secure and maintain benefits under the program.

Key Questions from Nominator: None

Considerations

- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)