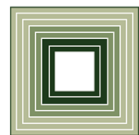


# **Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services**

## **Medicaid Budget Update**

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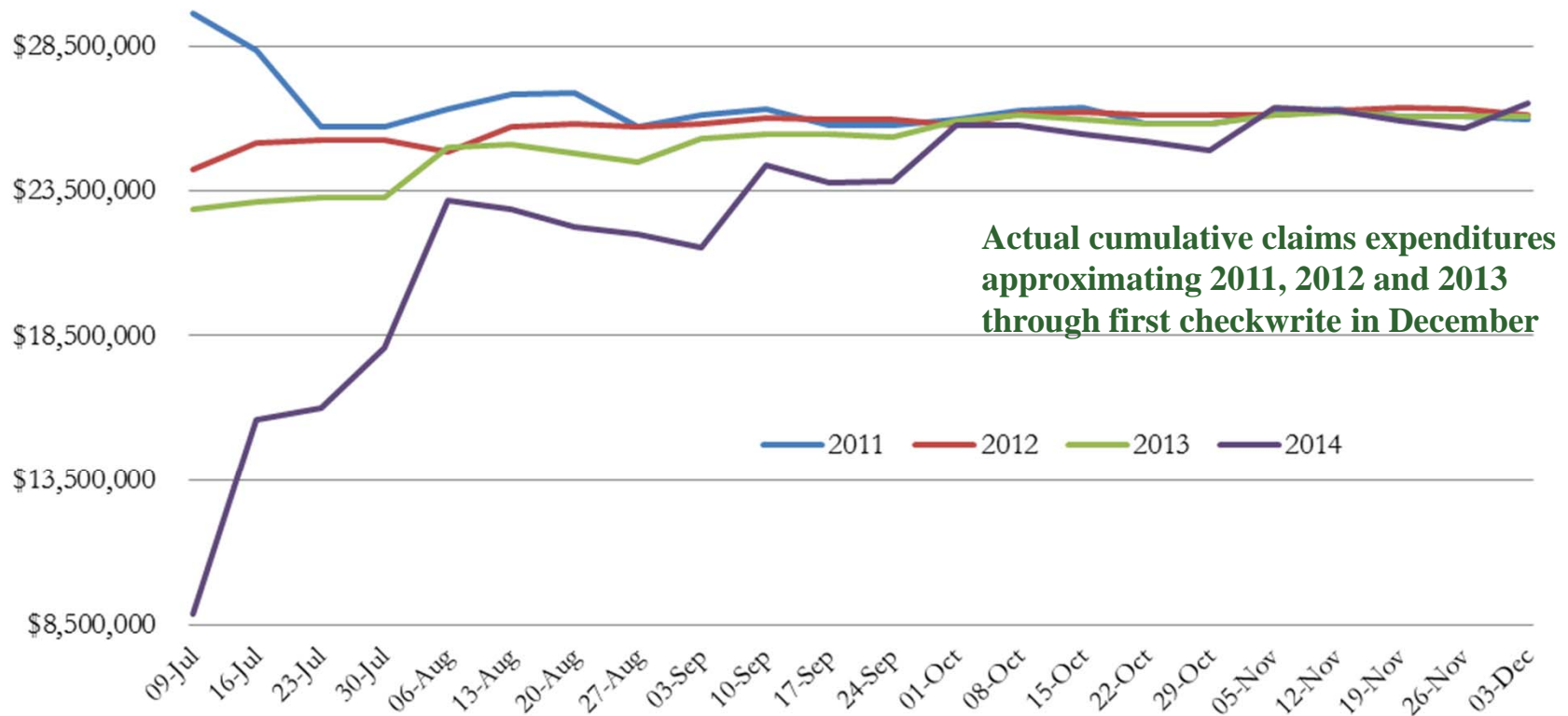
# Medicaid Budget Review Summary

- What we “don’t” have
  - Clean, complete YTD claims data to prepare an annual forecast for FY 2013-14
  - November 2013 closing reports for current year expenditures by fund
  - Impact of “risk” factors
- What we “do” have
  - Checkwrite data – amounts paid, accuracy of payments not validated
  - Actual monthly enrollment reported by program aid category as reported
- Follow up from 11/19 LOC
  - How did FY 2012-13 spending compare to the annual through October 2013



# Checkwrite Summary

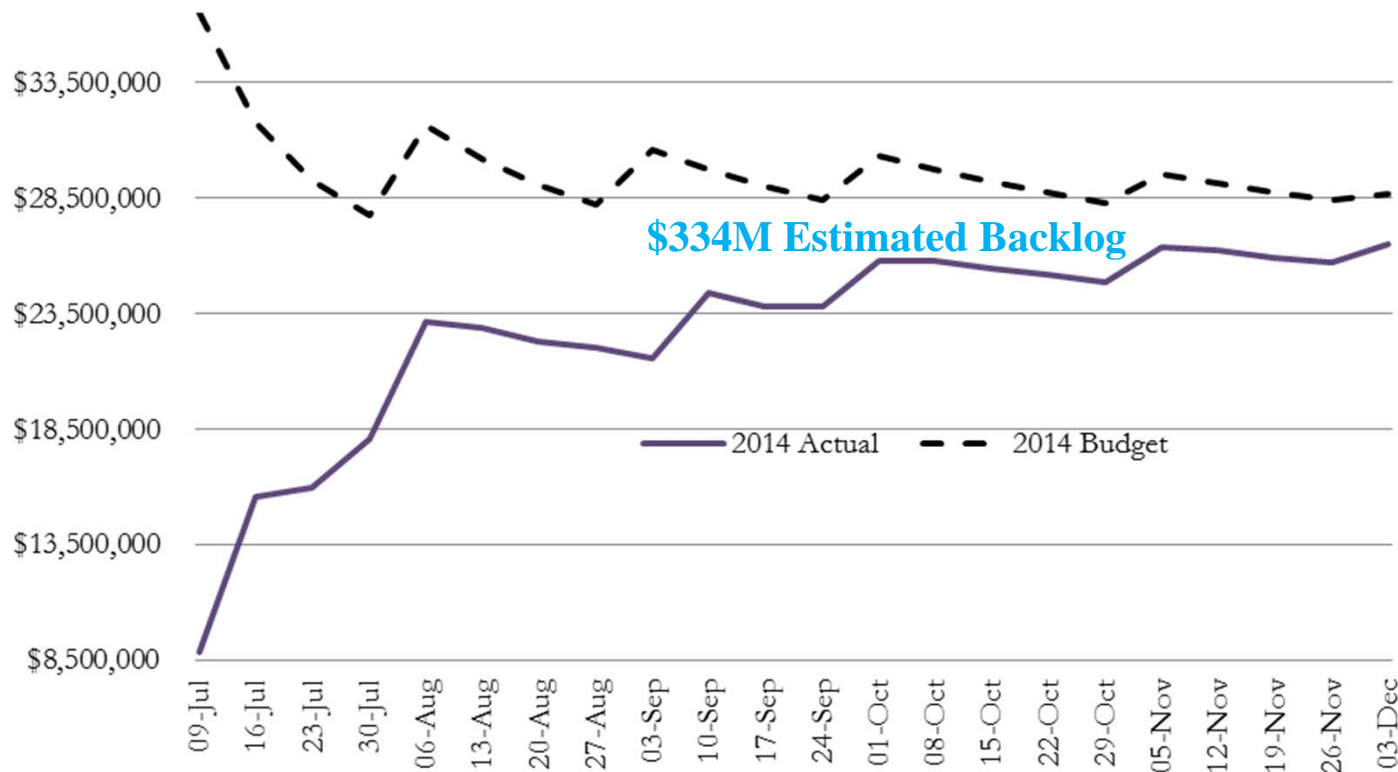
## Cumulative Claims per Processing Day



*Cumulative claims per processing day represents the total claims through the first checkwrite in December divided by the total number of days providers have to process claims*

# Checkwrites Compared to Budget \*\*

Cumulative Claims per Processing Day  
Compared to 2014 Budget



Difference in budget and actual represents the estimated backlog in payments against expected

**\*\* - Budget spread based on Fiscal Research Division analysis**



## Enrollment Summary

- Enrollment data is critical to being able to monitor expenditures and prepare a forecast
- Beginning 10/1/13 all counties were processing new Medicaid applications through NCFast
- Working with DMA to determine most accurate source of enrollment data

# How does 2014 compare to 2013 through October?

FY 2012-13 October YTD  
Actual Appropriations

- \$1,303,168,627 – 35% of  
the annual ongoing  
appropriation

*DMA forecast a  
\$52.3M shortfall in  
December 2012*

FY 2013-14 October YTD  
Adjusted Appropriations

- \$1,302,408,277

**Non-recurring factors in 2013 impacting the comparison between the years include CMS paybacks, catch up payment of rebate federal shares and duplicate payments resulting from MCO implementation**

**Factors in 2014 impacting the comparison between the years include timing for reductions predominately impact 2014 expenditures beginning in January 2014**

***Budget funded the structural shortfall and provided for 4.3% growth in Medicaid spending***



# Summary

- There is not sufficient clean claims data from NCTracks to prepare an accurate forecast for FY 2013-14
- Relying on the DMA accounting system reports, all that we “do” know and assuming that all reductions will be achieved it is still too early to predict where Medicaid will end the year
- Factors that will impact expenditures during the remainder of the year, include:
  - *enrollment and utilization trends and potential backlog*
  - *actual claims backlog and recovery of ‘hardship’ payments*
  - *timing and degree reduction items are achieved*
  - *actual experience of “woodwork” population and presumptive eligibility*
  - *impact of known variances; such as personal care services*
  - *unknown non-recurring liabilities*

## January 2014 FRD Areas of Focus

Impact on Medicaid enrollment processing as all counties transitioned to NCFast effective 10/1/13

Determine a preliminary per member per month (PMPM) spending by major category to provide an understanding of spending trends based on the best available data

Assign economic values to each “risk” factor

Medicaid data and indicators



# Description of Shared Savings Plan



# Budget Bill Language

## Section 12H.18

Funds from payments  
withheld under this section  
are **budgeted** to be shared  
providers shall not revert  
to the General Fund”

- DHHS shall consult with providers to develop a plan to implement 7/1/14 with payments to providers beginning by 1/1/15

- *Inpatient hospitals*
- *Physicians (excluding PCP until 1/1/15)*
- *Dental*
- *Optical*
- *Podiatry*
- *Chiropractors*
- *Hearing Aids*
- *PCS*
- *Nursing Homes*
- *Adult Care Homes*
- *Drug Dispensing*

“...provide incentives to  
provide effective and efficient  
care that results in positive  
outcomes...”



# Money Report

FY 2013-14

- 3% “withhold” effective 1/1/14  
\$14.7M in 2014
- GAP Plan retention and lowered  
service costs impact \$12.2M in  
2014

FY 2014-15

- 3% “withhold” continues, \$30.6M in  
2015
- GAP Plan retention and lowered  
service costs impact \$23.0M in 2015
- Supplemental payments to providers  
\$8.9M in 2015

# Components of Reduction Line Item

3% “Withhold” from Selected Provider Rates (2013-14 and 2014-15)

Impact on spending for improved efficiency and effectiveness of care management and delivery (2013-14 and 2014-15)

Impact on hospital GAP plan and state retention (2013-14 and 2014-15)

Provider supplemental payments sharing in savings realized by the state from improved efficiency and effectiveness (2014-15 only)



## Key Elements of the Shared Savings Calculation and Impact

There are no budgeted shared savings payments to providers in FY 2013-14

Savings to be shared are based on the impact of improved effectiveness and efficiency in care throughout the Medicaid program

DHHS establishes the measures and the basis for sharing savings

Measures are not restricted to improvements solely within the provider category

The 3% “withhold” sets a cap on the aggregate amount that providers in a category can receive as a shared savings payments

Assuming there is variation in performance among providers, some providers could receive no shared savings payments, and some providers could receive payments greater than the amount their fees were reduced

# Questions?

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