

## HPMS E-Mail

**Date:** March 17, 2020

**Subject:** CMS Approves First State Request for 1135 Medicaid Waiver in Florida

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved the first state request for 1135 Medicaid Waiver. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation a national emergency. This bold action enabled the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain requirements in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP under Section 1135 authority. This includes the ability to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities, and states may now submit Section 1135 waiver requests for CMS approval that will remove administrative burdens and expand access to needed services.

You can find the press release here: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-approves-first-state-request-1135-medicaid-waiver-florida>

You can find the Florida 1135 Waiver on Medicaid.gov here: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/fl-section-1135-appvl.pdf>