



# WCAF NEWS

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## PAC what is going on?

Contact us if you have any questions or with any suggestions for the news-letter

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We are not sure at this time what is the future of PAC Waiver. We do know that there are about 8000 people currently enrolled in PAC Waiver and that there are more enrolled every day. We know that the Medicaid HMO's have been telling people that PAC is being eliminated and that people will lose their insurance. We have been calling around to get a clarification on what is happening but we are waiting on phone calls back at this time. We understand that the rumor is that it is up to the federal government if all of the Waivers in Florida are eliminated. We know the impact that this Waiver has had on the state of Florida. We know that currently we are at AIDS crisis levels here in Florida and that eliminating this Waiver will have the chance of putting us at Epidemic levels again. We are hoping that these rumors are just rumors, but please bear with us as we try to figure out what is going on. If you want to you can contact your legislators, The Agency for Healthcare Administration, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services about this. We understand that Ryan White is the payer of last resort and that if these 8000 people do lose their insurance that the burden that would be put upon Ryan White would be huge. We are sorry that we do not have a definite answer at this time, but are hoping that someone will return our calls and give us a definite answer so we can have answers for you.

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### Do you need Case management?

If you or someone you know is in need of case management, we are always taking new clients. We do not believe in a wait list. We currently provide case management in Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, Citrus, Sumter, Pinellas, Manatee, and Polk Counties.

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## **Ryan White Care Council.**

If you want to get involved. The Ryan White Care Council is still looking for members from the Hernando County area. All you would have to do is attend 2 meetings a month in the Tampa area. This is a good way to see how the system works. If you have always wanted to express your opinion and have some input about the program, this is your chance.

<http://thecarecouncil.org/membershipvolunteer/>

## **Open Enrollment!**

Remember that the open enrollment period has ended. If you have not changed your plan, you will be locked into this plan for the next year. If you did change plans and find that you are not happy with the plan you changed to, you have 90 days to change plans.



**“I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.”  
Will Rogers**

