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Wayne and Amy--Below is the statement indicating that the proposed amendment will have no impact on the Florida Medicaid Program. Since any related procedures are considered experimental, no Medicaid reimbursement would be provided. Let us know if there are any questions. Sorry this was not available prior to the start of your meeting. Phil

Medicaid does not reimburse for experimental procedures per the Hospital Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, page 2-39, where it states:

Experimental Procedures:

Experimental procedures are not reimbursable by Medicaid.

Experimental procedures are further defined in the Florida Medicaid Provider General Handbook, in Appendix D on page D-5, which states:

Experimental or Clinically Unproven Procedures:

Those newly developed procedures undergoing systematic investigation to establish their role in treatment or procedures that are not yet scientifically established to provide beneficial results for the condition for which they are being used.

Medicaid does not pay for any procedure that would destroy a human embryo.

Federal funding is prohibited for any research that creates or destroys human embryos.

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