

**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES**

TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, intends to submit an application to renew the Section 1115 Demonstration “Comprehensive Waiver” to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The proposed effective dates for the renewal are July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. The Waiver application is seeking continued flexibility in administering and managing the NJ FamilyCare programs. Over the next five years, New Jersey seeks authority to not only continue current programs, but to:

- Move to an at-risk managed behavioral health delivery system that includes a flexible and comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) benefit;
- Redefine the scope and duration of support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
- Streamline NJ FamilyCare eligibility and enrollment;
- Develop an uninterrupted reentry system for incarcerated individuals;
- Include reinvestment dollars targeting housing support services for homeless or at-risk of being homeless individuals;
- Enhance access to critical providers and underserved areas through alternative provider development initiatives; and
- Continue DSRIP funding for health care delivery system innovations.

During this demonstration, the state plans to test the following hypotheses:

- Expanding Medicaid managed care to include long-term care services and supports will result in improved access to care and quality of care and reduced costs, and allow more individuals to live in their communities instead of institutions.
- The implementation of an at-risk Behavioral Health delivery system will improve access to services, quality of care, and will reduce spending relative to the period before implementation.
- The expansion of the 2012-2017 waiver programs offering home and community-based services to a broader population of Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries with serious emotional disturbance (SED), autism spectrum disorder, or intellectual/developmental disabilities will lead to better care outcomes.
- Expanding self-attestation of transfer of assets for individuals applying for long-term care and home and community based services up to 300% of the Federal Benefit Rate will be implemented effectively.
- Individuals being released from state prisons and jails will be assigned to NJ FamilyCare MCOs and engage in care in a timely and sustained way in order to maximize their opportunities for successful transition back into the community.

- Health services utilization patterns will improve and Medicaid spending will be reduced for individuals enrolled in Medicaid Supportive Housing Services (MSHS) relative to similar populations not receiving such services.
- The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program will result in better care for individuals (including access to care, quality of care, health outcomes), better health for the population, and lower cost through improvement.

New Jersey is conducting another public notice and comment period to allow public input on the following areas of the application:

- Additional clarifications in the Comprehensive Waiver Renewal Application including:
 - Removing Medicare as a condition of Medicaid eligibility, removing the Integrating Care Options for Dual Eligible Individuals concept, including both the seamless enrollment and integrated enrollment option;
 - Adding additional details around the Medicaid Permanent Supportive Housing; specifics around the types of models Medicaid is considering under the increased access/ telehealth option details around the population health initiative and the renewal hypothesis.
- The financial projections (budget neutrality) for the renewal of this demonstration provided in Attachment D of the renewal application.
- A summary of the public comment process detailed in Attachment E of the renewal application.

As always, public comment is always welcome on any part, section or attachment of the 1115 Comprehensive Waiver Renewal Application.

New Jersey will be presenting on the renewal during the statewide Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC) meeting on January 23, 2017 from 10am to 1pm at the State Police Headquarters Complex and PHEAL Building in Ewing, NJ. A phone line will be available for this meeting for individuals who cannot attend in person and that information will be posted to the Department's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/waiver.html>.

Previously, New Jersey held a public forum on Wednesday June 15, 2016 from 10am to 1pm at the State Police Headquarters Complex and PHEAL Building in Ewing, NJ to solicit feedback on the renewal application. A video recording of this presentation can be found on Department's website, <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/waiver.html>

A copy of this Notice and the complete Comprehensive Waiver Renewal Application are available for public review on the Department's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/waiver.html>, and also are available at the local Medical Assistance Customer Centers and County Welfare Agencies and is intended to satisfy all Federal notice requirements including 42 CFR 431.408.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice. Comments or inquiries can be sent to:

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