TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan and the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) in order to allow Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) consisting of three tiers of treatment: primary care services, FQHC and clinic-based Opioid Treatment Providers (OTPs) and educational centers to serve as a resource for treatment, training and mentoring. All three tiers will work together to promote evidence-based and integrated care.

A required component of OBAT is care coordination services provided to individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) that require medication assisted treatment. The case manager is expected to work with the individual diagnosed with a SUD to create and manage an individualized treatment plan designed to ensure integrated care to connect individuals with community counseling services, as needed, to assist individuals in resolving social issues, and to develop strategies to prevent relapse. Services may be billed by independent clinics, Centers of Excellence (COE) or physicians and non-physician practitioners whose scope of practice and benefit category include the services described by the applicable CPT code.

The fee schedule is published on the Department's fiscal agent's website at https://www.njmmis.com under “rate and code information.” The estimated financial impact to the State’s fee for service program of this proposed Title XIX amendment is anticipated to be $114,000 total for SFY2019 ($57,000 state funds and $57,000 federal funds) and $152,000 for SFY2020 ($76,000 state funds and $76,000 federal funds). The estimated financial impact of the proposed ABP amendment is anticipated to be $170,000 total for SFY2019 ($10,000 state funds
and $160,000 federal funds) and $228,000 for SFY2020 ($16,000 state funds and $212,000 federal funds).

The ABP was established in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) when New Jersey expanded Medicaid effective January 1, 2014 to parents and caretaker relatives and childless adults with income up to and including 133% of the federal poverty level. The ACA requires the establishment of an Alternative Benefit package for the Medicaid Expansion populations. The ABP must cover ten Essential Health Benefits as described in section 1302(b) of the ACA and the State assures that there will be full access to EPSDT services for people under 21 years of age. A list of services can be found on the DHS website at the site listed below.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations, specifically 42 C.F.R. 440.386, 42 CFR 447.205, and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13). A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department’s website at:


Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to: Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

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