

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES
LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL-SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

TAKE NOTICE that, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), 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 add coverage for Long Term Residential substance use disorder services (American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 3.5) to the Title XIX and ABP State Plans. Long term residential services assist individuals whose addiction is so unmanageable that they need a long term, 24 hour a day supportive treatment environment to initiate and/or continue a recovery process that has failed to progress. Their needs are of such severity that they cannot safely be treated in a less intense level of care. Long term residential services will allow the State to extend the spectrum of ASAM services that are currently available to New Jersey Medicaid recipients to better meet those services determined necessary by the ASAM criteria.

The estimated financial impact of the proposed Title XIX amendment is anticipated to be \$4,795,644 total for SFY2019 (\$2,397,822 state funds and \$2,397,822 federal funds) and \$6,394,192 for SFY2020 (\$3,197,096 state funds and \$3,197,096 federal funds). The estimated financial impact of the proposed ABP amendment is anticipated to be \$15,096,058 total for SFY2019 (\$1,006,404 state funds and \$14,089,654 federal funds) and 20,128,077 for SFY2020 (\$1,710,887 state funds and \$18,417,191 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 10 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:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

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

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