

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Psychiatric Emergency Rehabilitative Services

TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in coordination with the 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 State Plan, in accordance with Section 1905 of the Social Security Act allowing States to provide Psychiatric Emergency Rehabilitative Services (PERS) under the Medicaid State Plan to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis designed to interrupt and/or ameliorate a crisis experience including: an assessment; immediate crisis resolution and de-escalation; and referral and linkage to appropriate services to avoid, where possible, more restrictive levels of treatment. The goals of PERS are symptom reduction, stabilization, and restoration to a previous level of functioning. All activities must occur within the context of a potential or actual behavioral health crisis. PERS is a face-to-face intervention and can occur in a variety of locations, including but not limited to an emergency room or clinic setting, in addition to other community locations where the person lives, works, attends school, and/or socializes. PERS services include assessment, crisis resolution, follow up and consultation with appropriate clinical professionals. Eligible providers of PERS services must meet the rehab qualifications under the State Plan Amendment (SPA) and individuals may choose from any providers meeting the established provider qualifications. No additional state costs are anticipated as a result of this SPA.

A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the local Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and on 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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