

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Health Home Services for Adults and Children

TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and the Department of Children and Families' Division of Children's System of Care, in coordination with the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, (DMAHS) intend 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 2703 of the Affordable Care Act which adds section 1945 to the Social Security Act (the Act) allowing States to provide Health Home Services under the Medicaid State plan to address and receive additional Federal support for the enhanced integration and coordination of primary, acute, behavioral health (mental health and substance use), and long-term services and supports for persons across the lifespan with chronic illness. CMS predicts that use of the health home service delivery model will result in lower rates of emergency room use, reduction in hospital admissions and re-admissions, reduction in health care costs, less reliance on long-term care facilities, and improved experience of care and quality of care outcomes for the individual.

Health Homes provide enrollees with access to coordination of primary care, specialty medical care, and behavioral health services required to improve health outcomes. People living with serious mental illnesses (SMI) have a life expectancy 25 years shorter than the rest of the population, due in large part to lack of access to appropriate and coordinated care. The problem can be addressed by providing Health Home Services designed to meet the special needs of those individuals most at risk. Therefore, New Jersey plans to provide Health Home Services to those adults with SMI who are at risk for high utilization of medical and behavioral health care services, and to children, adolescents and young adults with serious emotional disturbance (SED) and a chronic medical condition. New Jersey will submit Health Home state plan amendments by county or region. The services in this state plan amendment will be implemented in Bergen County. An estimated State cost of \$486,000 (\$450,000 for adults and \$36,000 for children) and \$812,000 (\$650,000 for adults and \$162,000 for children) for

State Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 respectively is anticipated. However, it is expected that system-wide health care savings will accrue to the State and Federal governments as a result of the coordinated interventions.

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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