

**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 (DMAHS), intends to submit an application to renew the Section 1115 Demonstration “Comprehensive Demonstration” to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed effective dates for the renewal are July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. The Demonstration application is seeking continued flexibility in administering and managing the NJ FamilyCare programs.

In developing our draft renewal proposal, DMAHS has focused on several overarching policy goals.

- **Maintain momentum on existing demonstration elements:**
 - Continue improvements in quality of care and efficiency associated with managed care; improve access to critical services in the community through MLTSS and other HCBS programs; and create innovative service delivery models to address substance use disorders.
 - Update existing demonstration terms and conditions to address implementation challenges, and accurately capture how the delivery system has evolved in New Jersey over the past several years.
- **Expand our ability to better serve the whole person:**
 - Test new approaches to addressing the social determinants of health, with a particular emphasis on housing-related issues.
 - Encourage greater integration of behavioral and physical health, and continued availability of appropriate behavioral health services for all Medicaid beneficiaries.
- **Serve our communities the best way possible:**
 - Address known gaps and improve quality of care in maternal and child health.
 - Expand health equity analyses to support better access and outcomes for communities of color and people with disabilities, while also seeking to

improve the experience of other historically marginalized groups where data may not be available for analysis (e.g. LGBTQ identity).

Public Hearings and Comments

New Jersey will host two public hearings to solicit feedback and stakeholder comments. The public hearings will be held virtually due to the current emergency situation regarding COVID-19. The hearings will have an interpreter, telephonic and web conference capabilities to ensure statewide accessibility.

To register for one or both of the virtual meetings, use the following links:

1. Special Meeting of the MAAC on the 1115 Renewal Public Hearing September 13, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Register in advance for this session [here](#).
2. Second Public Hearing on the 1115 Renewal September 27, 2021 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Register in advance for this session [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

A copy of this notice, full draft proposal and supporting documents are available for public review on the Department's 1115 Demonstration Renewal website at https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/1115_demo.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. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after October 11, 2021, but DHS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of the application to CMS.

Comments should be sent to:

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After New Jersey reviews comments submitted during this state public comment period, the Department will submit a revised application to CMS. Interested parties will also have the opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after CMS finds the application and public notice requirements were met.