**Advance Notice of Rulemaking**

**Proposed Amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:52A, Psychiatric Adult Acute Partial Hospital and Partial Hospital Services**

To whom it may concern:

This communication provides you and your organization with advance notice that the New Jersey Department of Human Services will propose amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:52A, Psychiatric Adult Acute Partial Hospital and Partial Hospital Services.

The more substantial of the proposed changes will amend the existing rule to indicate the following:

* The elimination of a required Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) score to be eligible to receive services. The GAF scale was removed from the Diagnostic Statistical Manual, Fifth Edition (DSM-V) because of a perceived lack of reliability and poor clinical utility. In reaction to that change, this requirement was deleted by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program in December 2015 and communicated to providers via DMAHS Newsletter Volume 25, Number 13. This proposed amendment updates the rule text to memorialize this change.
* The addition of a requirement that the providers obtain a federally required National Provider Identifier (NPI) and valid taxonomy code for their provider type. Providers were notified of the federal requirement to obtain an NPI and taxonomy code via DMAHS Newsletter Volume 16, Number 18, in December 2006. The proposed amendment updates the rule to memorialize this change.

Non-substantial amendments will include technical amendments intended to correct grammar, spelling, organization of the chapter, contact information, websites, and/or citation references in the rule text.

N.J.A.C. 10:52A, Psychiatric Adult Acute Partial Hospital and Partial Hospital Services, can be downloaded free of charge at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode>

This notice provides you with an opportunity to submit informal comments on the proposed amendments by December 17, 2021.

Please submit all comments to:

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NOTE:  You will also be given a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on the proposed amendments subsequent to its publication in the New Jersey Register.  The proposal is anticipated to be published in the New Jersey Register in the first quarter of 2022.  *This office will notify you of the exact date of publication and the due date for submission of formal comments once the publication date is confirmed by the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law.*

Thank you for your interest in the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.