

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

Opioid Overdose Recovery Program

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 an Opioid Overdose Recovery Program to the Title XIX and ABP State Plans.

The Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP) is a program designed to respond to and engage individuals that have been reversed from an opioid overdose and subsequently treated in a hospital emergency department (ED). The ED contacts the OORP program which utilizes certified substance use disorder (SUD) peer recovery specialists and patient navigators to engage individuals. The peers utilize lived experience to connect with and to encourage these individuals to seek further treatment. They provide non-clinical assistance through recovery supports and referrals. They also work with Navigators who develop a consumer centered integrated case plan that includes strategies for recovery, legal services if needed, vocational and employment services, healthcare referrals, and social/family support needs. The Recovery Specialists and Patient Navigators maintain follow-up with these individuals for six weeks post overdose. OORP providers will be contracted with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and enrolled as a homecare provider within the NJ FamilyCare provider network.

The estimated financial impact of the proposed Title XIX amendment is anticipated to be \$190,000 total for SFY2020 (\$30,000 state funds and \$160,000 federal funds) and \$190,000 for SFY2021 (\$30,000 state funds and \$160,000 federal funds). The estimated financial impact of the proposed ABP amendment is anticipated to be \$570,000 total for SFY2020 (\$100,000 state funds and \$470,000 federal funds) and \$570,000 for SFY2021 (\$100,000 state funds and \$470,000 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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