

**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 (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), in conjunction with the Division of Family Development (DFD), intends to submit an amendment to the Section 1115 Demonstration “Comprehensive Waiver” to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Specifically, New Jersey (NJ) is seeking to pilot expedited financial eligibility determinations for individuals who are seeking long-term services and supports and who are placed under guardianship of the New Jersey State Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). This would require the OPG to provide documentation that the individual’s resources would be less than the eligibility limit of \$2,000 because their financial obligations (i.e. bills) are in excess of their cash on hand. The State’s asset verification system (AVS) and other electronic verification tools will assist the OPG and DMAHS in identifying any additional unknown resources and their value.

In addition, New Jersey is seeking to include a one-time allowance for pantry stocking and clothing to the community transition benefit under the Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) benefit. The one time food benefit, as well as the ability to purchase initial necessary clothing items (e.g. a winter coat), reduces barriers to successful transition and makes it more likely the individual will be able to remain in the community post transition. NJ currently allots \$5,000 to community transitions; the combination of the one time food and one time clothing purchase would not exceed \$1,000 of this funding. There is no change to the \$5,000 limit on the service. MCO data reveals that no one individual has exceeded the \$5000 limit for this service.

Finally, New Jersey is also seeking to expand and enhance NJ’s current community health demonstration project to implement the New Jersey Home Visiting (NJHV) pilot program, an evidence-based initiative for high risk pregnant/postpartum women, infants and young children up to age two.

New Jersey began implementation of a statewide system of evidence-based home visiting (EBHV) services that target low income at-risk families during pregnancy, birth and early childhood in all 21 counties of the state. To accomplish this NJ utilizes three core EBHV models—Healthy Families America (HFA), Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), and Parents As Teachers (PAT)—each with a slightly different target population (as described below) that help to reach a broad segment of the state’s higher risk pregnant women, parents, young children, and families. Services now reach an annual estimate of 5,000 families across New Jersey. Current funding for NJHV is collaboration across three state departments with an allocation of federal funds from DHS.

This New Jersey Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration project will provide evidence-based home visiting services by certified home visitors to promote enhanced health outcomes, whole person care, and community-integration for high-risk pregnant women and children up to age two. This pilot project will enable the state to serve additional low income pregnant women and newborn children each year who are at the greatest risk for poor health outcomes (projection of 500 new families); and to study the short and longer term impacts of this expenditure on pregnancy, infant/child, and family health and well-being.

There is no budget neutrality impact for this amendment.

New Jersey will be presenting a detailed description at the statewide Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC) meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the New Jersey State Police Complex Public Health Environmental and Agricultural Laboratory (PHEAL) building in Ewing N.J. Additional information can be found on the Medical Assistance Advisory Council meeting's website: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/boards/maac/>.

A copy of this Notice is available for public review on the DHS website under Public Notices at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquires must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to

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