

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

SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act

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, in order to implement the Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) provisions that were included in Section 1004 of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, also referred to as the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act or the SUPPORT Act that are designed to reduce opioid related fraud, misuse, and abuse.

Pursuant to the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, the State Plan will be amended to include establishing new Drug Utilization Review (DUR) standards for opioid medications, including the introduction of Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MMEs), and antipsychotic drug use in children not older than eighteen (18) years of age, as well as Fraud and Abuse Identification.

This amendment is expected to be budget neutral for Federal Fiscal years 2020 and 2021, respectively.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations including 1902(a)(13) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(13) and 42 CFR 447.205. 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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