

**Department of Health Care Finance Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
State Plan Amendment (SPA), Waiver, Rulemaking Report**

February 19, 2026

STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS/WAIVERS/PUBLISHED RULES

Table 1. State Plan Amendments and Waiver Approvals with Approval Dates between December 15, 2025, and February 15, 2025.						
SPA Transmittal Number	DESCRIPTION	STATUS			Target/ Actual Effective Date	Notes
		Approval Date	Date Submitted for CMS Review	In Development		
DC-25-0005	Carves out cell and gene therapy from managed care.	1.20.26	10.27.25		10.1.25	
DC-25-0007	Establishes DRG carve out for CMS's Cell and Gene Therapy Model.	1.21.26	10.27.25		10.1.25	
DC-25-0008	Establishes EAPG carve out for CMS's Cell and Gene Therapy Model.	1.23.26	10.27.25		10.1.25	
DC-25-0009	Removes sunset that date for coverage of medication-assisted treatment, as federally required, making the service permanent.	2.12.26	12.29.25		10.1.25	

Table 2. State Plan Amendments Currently Under Review with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or Under Development with Anticipated Submission date with the second (2nd) quarter of Fiscal Year 2026

SPA Transmittal Number	Description	Status			Target/Actual Effective Date	Notes
		Approval Date	Date Submitted for CMS Review	In Development		
DC Behavioral Health Transformation renewal	Renews the DC Behavioral Health Transformation 1115 and adds new health related social needs services.		6.6.24		TBD	Current waiver extended through December 31, 2026.
DC-25 -0003	Implements the required coverage described in section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.		3.31.25		1.1.25	7.1.26 anticipated implementation date.
DC-25-0014-CHIP	Complies with Section 5022 of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT Act) and mental health parity requirements set forth at 42 CFR 457.496, for the Children’s Health Insurance Program.		9.30.25		10.1.24	
0307.R05.01	Amends the DC People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Waiver to include changes described here HCBS IDD Waiver 2025 Amendment dds.		12.16.25		TBD	
DC-25-0010	Updates reimbursement rate for dental and orthodontic services.		12.16.25		10.1.25	
DC-26-0001	Reschedules reimbursement rebasing for 1915(i) Housing Supportive Services.			X	1.1.26	
DC-26-0002	Reschedules reimbursement rebasing for Federally Qualified Health Centers			X	1.1.26	

Table 3. Published Regulations in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> , from December 15, 2025, to date.			
D.C. Register Issue	Description	Date of Publication	Notes
73/7	<p>Proposed Rulemaking – Amends Chapter 14 of Title 29 DCMR to clarify third-party liability policies including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain responsible third-party payers who require prior authorization for an item or service, accept an authorization provided by the state that the item or service is covered under the State Plan (or waiver of the State Plan) to satisfy the prior authorization requirement; • DHCF <i>will not</i> seek recovery from settlement funds or jury awards granted to a Medicaid beneficiary for future medical care. <p>Additionally, the rulemaking removes Sections 1451 and 1452, on chore and homemaker services, from Chapter 14 of Title 29, as the rules for those services have been moved to Chapter 42 of the same title.</p>	2.13.26	
73/7	Proposed Rulemaking – Amends Chapters 50 and 97 of Title 29 DCMR, respectively to modify the recordkeeping requirements for PCA services and clarify conflict of interest safeguards required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for D-SNPs when administering Adult Day Health Program services.	2.13.26	
73/6	Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking – Amends Chapter 95 of Title 29 DCMR to adjust the income eligibility threshold for the parents and other caretaker relatives eligibility group to require that household income be no higher than one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of the FPL.	2.6.26	
	Final Rulemaking – Repeals the Medical Assistance for Immigrant Children chapter of Title 29 of the DCMR, which established the Immigrant Children’s Program. Beginning on October 1, 2025, eligibility for health care and medical services for the population previously covered by the Immigrant Children’s Program will be governed by the rules of the DC Health Care Alliance Program under Chapter 33 of Title 22-B of the DCMR.		Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking Published on 11.14.25. No comments received during public comment period. In external review.
	Final Rulemaking – Formalizes reimbursement procedures in District regulations and extend the time for seeking reimbursement as part of settlement agreement in class action lawsuit, <i>Salazar v. District of Columbia</i> , Civil Action No. 93-452 (TSC) (D.D.C.).		Proposed Rulemaking published on 10.31.25. Comments received from one stakeholder. Rule moving to final with minor edits. In external review.
	Final Rulemaking – Amends Chapter 87 of Title 29 DCMR to incorporate policies consistent with a move of the DC HIE from the HIE model to the Health Data Utility (“HDU”) model, which will allow the DC HIE to act as a more robust, efficient, centralized hub for data sharing.		Proposed Rulemaking published on 12.19.25. Comments received from one stakeholder. Rule moving to final with minor edits. In internal review.