

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

Transmittal 21-39

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Melisa Byrd
Senior Deputy Director and State Medicaid Director

DATE: September 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment on Child and Adolescent Supplemental Security Income Program (CASSIP) Enrollment Eligibility for Individuals Aged 21-26.

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) hereby gives notice of the intent to submit an amendment to the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance (State Plan) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval.

On March 10, 2021, DHCF issued a Medicaid Director Letter (MDL #21-01), informing all interested parties of a forthcoming change, under Section 1932(a) of the Social Security Act, to DHCF's policy for CASSIP enrollment eligibility, in response to feedback from various stakeholders. In MDL #21-01, DHCF shared its intent to amend the State Plan to continue to allow individuals who are enrolled prior to their 21st birthday to remain in CASSIP up to age 26 and provide CASSIP-enrolled individuals age 21 or older the option to transition to managed care prior to their 26th birthday, if preferred.

This notice informs all interested parties of DHCF's intent to submit this amendment to the State Plan to CMS on or about October 1, 2021. The change will have an effective date of October 1, 2021. The District expects no significant increase in Medicaid expenditures from continuing to allow CASSIP enrollees to remain in CASSIP up to age 26.

If you have any questions, please contact Mario Ramsey, Associate Director, Health Care Research and Policy Administration, Department of Health Care Finance at mario.ramsey@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melisa Byrd".

Melisa Byrd,

Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

cc: DC Medical Care Advisory Committee Stakeholders