

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 23-32

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Melisa Byrd
Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

DATE: July 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment – Intensive Care Coordination, Assertive Community Treatment, and Community-Based Mobile Crisis Services

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide public notice of the intent to submit a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Amendment adds a new service, Intensive Care Coordination, updates the reimbursement methodology for Assertive Community Treatment, and clarifies requirements Community-Based Mobile Crisis Services.

Details

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) hereby gives notice of the intent to submit amendments to the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance (State Plan) to CMS for review and approval. The proposed amendments add coverage of Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) services for children and youth with significant behavioral concerns. The amendments also update the reimbursement methodology for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) from a fifteen (15) minute unit to a thirty (30) day period unit. Finally, the amendments confirm coverage specifications and service standards as required to qualify for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) on community-based mobile crisis services as authorized under § 1947 of the Social Security Act.

The proposed ACT reimbursement changes will ensure Medicaid is appropriately covering the cost of providing ACT services at fidelity and result in increased payment for behavioral health rehabilitation providers delivering the service. The changes will further enhance home and community-based services in the District by improving health outcomes and ensuring services are delivered with fidelity to the model of care. If approved, these changes will be effective from August 1, 2023, forward.

These changes are related to the District's broader effort to enhance and reform Medicaid behavioral health services in advance of carving those services into the DC Healthy Families managed care program in fiscal year 2024.

Pursuant to Federal regulations at 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, a state must provide public notice of any significant change in the state's methods and standards for setting payment rates for services, prior to the proposed effective dates in the State Plan amendments submitted to CMS. DHCF will provide a comprehensive listing of all changes to the rates on the DC Medicaid website at <http://www.dc-medicaid.com>.

As a result of the addition of this new service and the change in ACT reimbursement methodology, DHCF projects a total increase in federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$5,913,628 in Fiscal Year 2023. DHCF also projects a total increase in federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$23,717,150 in Fiscal Year 2024.

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