

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Interim Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 23-48

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Eugene Simms
Interim Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

DATE: September 29, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment – Rate Updates for Behavioral Health 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).

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 update rates for select behavioral health services. The proposed effective date of the changes is October 1, 2023.

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 these changes, DHCF projects a net increase in aggregate Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$373,127.43 in Fiscal Year 2024, with a total increase in federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$261,189.20 in Fiscal Year 2024. DHCF also projects a net increase in aggregate Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$388,865.05 in Fiscal Year 2025, with a total increase in federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$272,205.54 in Fiscal Year 2025.

Contact

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