

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 23-58

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Eugene Simms
Interim Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment – Simplification of Rehabilitative Benefit Pages, Updates to FQHC Supervision Requirements for Behavioral Health Providers, and 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: simplify the District’s Rehabilitative State Plan pages by removing references to various therapy modalities; clarify education and experience requirements for credentialed staff able to provide State Plan Rehabilitative services; update supervision requirements for behavioral health providers in Federally Qualified Health Centers in alignment with District law; and, increase rates for select behavioral health services (see [DC Transmittal #23-53](#)). The proposed effective date of the changes is November 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 aggregate Medicaid expenditures to be approximately \$9,083,000 in Fiscal Year 2024, with total federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$6,358,100 in Fiscal Year 2024. DHCF also projects aggregate Medicaid expenditures to be approximately \$11,115,632 in Fiscal Year 2025, with total federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$7,780,943 in Fiscal Year 2025.

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