

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 24-05

TO: All District Behavioral Health Providers

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DATE: January 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment –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 have an effective date of February 1, 2024, and, if approved, would:

- Add “screening” as a distinct service under Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis;
- Rename “Community Based Intervention Level I” to “Multisystemic Therapy;”
- Change reimbursement structure for Methadone services provided in Opioid Treatment Programs;
- Change the rate methodology for Rehabilitative Day and Psychosocial Rehabilitative (Clubhouse) services from a per diem rate, to an hourly rate, and a fifteen (15) minute rate, respectively; and,
- Add “Attachment and Biobehavioral Catchup” as a new preventive service. The service is for parents and caregivers of infants and youth who have experienced early maltreatment or disruptions in care, to improve attachment between the parent/caregiver and child.

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 of approximately \$7,800,900 in Fiscal Year 2024, with total federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$5,460,630 in Fiscal Year 2024. DHCF also projects aggregate Medicaid expenditures of

approximately \$12,346,889 in Fiscal Year 2025, with total federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$8,642,822 in Fiscal Year 2025.

Contact

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