

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 23-61

TO: All Interested Parties

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Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

DATE: December 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment – Behavioral Health Physician 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 January 1, 2024, and, if approved, would add two new services to the State Plan: Interprofessional Consultation, and Collaborative Care Services.

- Interprofessional Consultation allows a specialist (consulting practitioner) to be reimbursed directly for time spent consulting an individual’s primary care provider about a condition directly related to the consulting practitioner’s specialty.
- Collaborative Care Services, implemented using the Collaborative Care Model (CoCM), integrate behavioral health with primary care through a team of three (3) providers: a primary care provider, behavioral health care manager, and consulting psychiatrist. The team-based model adds regular psychiatric consultations and care management alongside regular primary care visits.

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 net aggregate Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$349,527 in Fiscal Year 2024, with total federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$256,886 in Fiscal Year 2024. DHCF also projects net aggregate Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$452,376 in Fiscal Year 2025, with federal Medicaid expenditures of approximately \$332,599 in Fiscal Year 2025.

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