## **LEGAL NOTICE**

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

## **New Jersey WorkAbility**

TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for any necessary amendments to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan in order to implement legislation regarding the New Jersey WorkAbility program (P.L.2021 c.344). Pending CMS approval, in the first phase of implementation, NJ intends to expand the current WorkAbility program by eliminating the current asset limits and spousal deeming rules for the Ticket to Work eligibility group. Additionally, NJ also intends to implement the Work Incentives eligibility group with no asset limit for employed individuals 65 and over with a disability determination and countable income up to 250% of the FPL.

DMAHS estimates the increased expenditures associated with this amendment for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 and SFY 2024 are projected to be \$1.5M (\$980,366 State share) and \$18.6M (\$14M State share) respectively.

A separate notice will be published prior to the second phase of implementation.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations, specifically 42 CFR 447.205 and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13). A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department's website at:

<u>http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html</u>.
Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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