

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

Pre-release and post-release services for justice involved youth (CAA 5121)

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 an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan and any required amendments to the Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI) State Plan to cover pre-release and post-release services for eligible juveniles exiting the carceral system. This amendment is mandated by Section 5121 of the Consolidation Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA), with changes effective January 1, 2025.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 mandates two services i.e., health screenings and diagnostics services to eligible juveniles in the 30 days prior to release (or not later than one week, or as soon as practicable, after release) and targeted case management services in the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release. Eligible juveniles under this amendment include all post-adjudicated youth aged under 21 years old and former foster care individuals aged 21-26 years old who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release.

The anticipated annual costs for the proposed Title XIX State Plan Amendment for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2025 and SFY 2026 are estimated to be \$35,500 (\$17,750 State; \$17,750 Federal) and \$161,500 (\$80,750 State; \$80,750 Federal) respectively. This estimate reflects staggered go-live dates for billing 5121 services, which will differ between carceral settings (e.g., Juvenile Justice Commission and Department of Corrections will be ready in advance of County jails and Federal

prisons). The fee schedule will be published on the Department's fiscal agent's website at <https://www.njmmis.com> under "rate and code information" when available.

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:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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