

To whom it may concern:

This e-mail provides you and your organization with advance notice that the New Jersey Department of Human Services (Department) intends to propose adding a new chapter, N.J.A.C. 10:52B, to its existing regulations.

The new chapter will establish The County Option Hospital Fee Pilot Program (the pilot program) pursuant to P.L. 2018 c. 136. The purpose of the pilot program is to increase financial resources through the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program to support local hospitals to ensure that they continue to provide necessary services to residents with low incomes and to provide participating counties with new fiscal resources.

Pursuant to the enabling legislation, the Department will authorize up to seven (7) counties to participate in the pilot program. Any county that meets the statutory definition of an eligible county and chooses to participate in the pilot program will propose a health care-related fee on hospitals within its borders, the cost of which shall not be passed on to patients, employers, or insurers. The majority of revenue generated from the fee will be used to increase Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare payments to the hospitals in the participating counties.

This notice provides you with an opportunity to comment on the upcoming new rules by:
July 31, 2019

You will also be given an additional opportunity to provide formal comments on the actual proposal within 60 days following its publication in the New Jersey Register.

Please send any comments regarding this advance notice of the upcoming proposed rulemaking to:

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