This notice provides you and your organization with advance notice that the New Jersey Department of Human Services will be proposing amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:67, Psychological Services.

The proposed amendments will address the following:

- The requirement that providers obtain a federally required National Provider Identifier (NPI) and valid taxonomy code for their provider type. Providers were notified of the federal requirement to obtain an NPI and taxonomy code via DMAHS Newsletter Volume 16, Number 18, in December 2006. The proposed amendment updates the rule to memorialize this change.
- The removal of the prior authorization requirement for psychological services. This
 is being done to improve access to a mental health primary care provider after
 hospitalization or crisis care as part of the overall parity plan. The Centers for
 Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has directed states to prevent
 unnecessary barriers to mental health care and in reaction to that the Division has
 decided to remove the unnecessary and often lengthy prior authorization process;
 and
- The list of HCPCS procedure codes for covered services will be updated to reflect any changes made to the nationally authorized list of codes published by the CMS and any changes to the reimbursement amounts authorized by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.

This notice provides you with an opportunity to submit informal comments on the upcoming proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:67 by July 11, 2022

N.J.A.C. 10:67, Psychological Services, can be downloaded free of charge at <u>http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode</u>

Please submit any comments that you have regarding this advance notice of the upcoming amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:67 to:

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You will also be given a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on the proposed readoption with amendments subsequent to its publication in the New Jersey Register. This office will notify you of the exact date of publication and the due date for submission of formal comments once those dates are confirmed by the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law.

General feedback or comments on any Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare rule or program is always welcome and can be submitted in the manner described above for consideration and possible inclusion in future rulemakings.

Thank you for your interest in the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.