

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)

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 Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) in order to seek federal Medicaid authority to continue its Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program through the Medicaid State Plan.

In 2014, Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA). Section 223 of PAMA authorized state-based CCBHC demonstration programs. New Jersey was selected as one of eight CCBHC demonstration states, and the program was launched in 2017. CCBHCs provide integrated and comprehensive behavioral health services in communities around the State with the goals of improving access to care and ensuring care coordination, through evidence-based practices for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. Federal CCBHC demonstration funding is expiring September 30, 2025. Pending CMS approval of the Medicaid State Plan Amendment, Federal Medicaid authority will support continued CCBHC service delivery.

The anticipated annual costs for the proposed Title XIX and ABP SPA for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 and 2027 is estimated to be \$37,515,678 (\$10,951,891 State; \$26,563,787 Federal) and \$77,772,249 (\$23,766,278 State; \$54,005,972 Federal), respectively.

The ABP was established in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) when New Jersey expanded Medicaid effective January 1, 2014, to parents and caretaker relatives and childless adults with income up to and including 133% of the federal poverty level. The ACA requires the establishment of an Alternative Benefit package for the Medicaid Expansion populations. The ABP must cover 10 Essential Health Benefits as described in section 1302(b) of the ACA and the State assures that there will be full access to

EPSDT services for people under 21 years of age. A list of services can be found on the DHS website at the site listed below.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations, specifically 42 C.F.R. 440.386, 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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