

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

**Peer Recovery Support Services**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), 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 the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) in order to add coverage for Peer Recovery Support Services to the Title XIX and ABP State Plans. Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Mental Health (MH) are delivered by individuals who have experience, either directly or through a lived experience, with an individual with a substance use disorder and sustained recovery or an individual who has a severe mental illness (SMI). Peers must meet the required training and certification to be employed by a NJ FamilyCare provider agency. Peers are expected to work with individuals as part of a comprehensive treatment plan to encourage and support recovery, support linkages to community resources or specialty services (including family and social supports), support treatment engagement, instill hope, and build on the strengths of the individual to develop strategies that prevent relapse and promote more successful treatment outcomes. Peers must be clinically supervised by a licensed behavioral healthcare worker and can be employed by independent clinics or community behavioral health provider agencies but may not practice independently.

The fee schedule is based on a unit of service and will be published on the Department's fiscal agent's website at <https://www.njmmis.com> under "rate and code information" when available. The estimated financial impact of the proposed Title XIX amendment is anticipated to be \$3.6 Million total for SFY2020 (\$1.0 Million state funds and \$2.6 Million federal funds) and \$3.6 Million for SFY2021 (\$1.0 Million state funds and \$2.6 Million federal funds). The estimated financial impact of the proposed ABP amendment is anticipated to be \$ 6.1 Million total for SFY2020 (\$1.6 Million state funds and \$4.5 Million federal funds) and \$6.1 Million for SFY2021 (\$1.6 Million state funds and \$4.5 Million federal funds).

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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