

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

Supportive Visitation 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, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for a Title XIX Medicaid State Plan Amendment in order to implement the following program, specifically Supportive Visitation Services.

Since its creation in 2006, New Jersey's Department of Children and Families (DCF) has designed and managed a strong, statewide network of core services to support the safety, health, and connectedness of New Jersey's residents. DCF's family strengthening system is rooted in the Protective Factor's Framework ¹to prevent child maltreatment and promote healthy outcomes for children and families. In the forefront, it is comprised of the natural connections between families and their extended family, friends, and community. Secondly, it includes a myriad of concrete supports and social, health and education services aimed at helping families function at their best.

In rare situations when a child does experience out-of-home placement, the healing process for the child, youth and family is complex. The involved children and families often benefit from support through this process to prevent further harm to the child.

DCF is seeking CMS approval to implement Supportive Visitation Services, an evidence-informed visitation model which will provide therapeutic and supportive behavioral health services to children in out-of-home placement to build stronger child-parent attachment, prevent or reduce child behavioral problems, and decrease child maltreatment.

Pursuant to CMS approval, services will be provided in the home or in any other community, non-institutional setting. Services are to be provided only by those provider agencies who were selected by DCF via a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process and meet the Medicaid conditions of participation in accordance with the selective contracting waiver in the state's 1115 demonstration. Organizational provider types eligible to provide Supportive Visitation Services will be a Medicaid enrolled provider contracted with the DCF. Team members will include Master's Level Therapeutic Supportive Visitation Specialists, and Bachelor's and Associate's Level Supportive Visitation Specialists. Services will be billed in 15-minute units.

¹ [Protective Factors - Friends NRC](#)

The anticipated annual costs for the proposed amendment for SFY2025 are estimated to be \$5,180,021.26 (\$2,590,010.63 federal share and (\$2,590,010.63 state share); and \$20,777,008.36 for SFY 2026 (\$10,388,504.18 federal share and \$10,388,504.18 state share).

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 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(13) and 42 CFR 447.205. A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the local Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and on the DHS website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>. Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing by mail or fax within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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