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

Increased Reimbursement to Mental Health Independent Clinics for Transportation of Members Attending Partial Care Programs

TAKE NOTICE 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 the following amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan in order to increase reimbursement rates for mental health independent clinics for the cost associated with transporting Medicaid members to and from partial care programs pursuant to the SFY 2026 Appropriations Act.

Subject to CMS approval, DMAHS intends to increase the rate for transportation of Medicaid members to and from partial care programs to \$12.17 each way, effective October 1, 2025. This provision will allow independent clinics-mental health to continue to provide transportation for individuals in need of partial care. The estimated fee-for-service total costs associated with this amendment for SFY 2026 and SFY 2027 are projected to be \$387,000 (\$160,000 State Share and \$227,000 Federal Share) and \$516,000 (\$213,000 State Share and \$303,000 Federal Share) respectively.

The fee schedules will be published on the Department's fiscal agent's website at https://www.nimmis.com under "rate and code information" when available.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal statutes and regulations, specifically 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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