

LEGAL NOTICE/PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Subject: State Plan Amendment (Alternative Benefit Plan) for the Medicaid Expansion Population

Additional Information:

Pursuant to 42 CFR §440.305(d) and 42 CFR §440.386, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) intends to seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of a state plan amendment to establish an Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) authorized under section 1937 of the Social Security Act for individuals aged 19 to 64 years who are eligible for Medicaid pursuant to section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, the adult expansion population.

The Department is proposing an ABP that will provide the same benefits available in the Maryland Medicaid State Plan, including the same amount, scope and duration of the benefits therein, with the exception of habilitative services. The benefits under the approved ABP will be available to all individuals pursuant to section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act and will be delivered through managed care organizations. The ABP coverage will include essential health benefits (ambulatory services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, rehabilitation and habilitation services, prescription drugs, laboratory, preventive services and pediatric services) and all other additional services authorized in Maryland's Medicaid State Plan. Habilitative services available in the ABP will include physical, occupational and speech therapies. Any service limits or cost sharing currently authorized under the approved Medicaid State Plan will apply to the ABP, including copayments of up to three dollars for brand name prescription drugs and one dollar for generic prescription drugs or preferred drugs provided on a fee-for-service basis. Habilitative services were added to comply with minimum essential coverage standards to fulfill the essential health benefits. The proposed ABP will include the full range of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program benefits for individuals under the age of 21 years. Please refer to the Maryland Healthy Kids Program at: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/epsdt/SitePages/Home.aspx> for more details on the EPSDT benefits available. Additional information regarding Medicaid-covered services that will be available in the ABP can be found in the Code of Maryland Regulations at: <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/>.

Comments regarding the Department's proposed state plan amendment to establish an ABP for individuals aged 19 to 64 years who are eligible for Medicaid pursuant to section

1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act may be sent to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Planning Administration, 201 West Preston Street, Suite 225, Baltimore, MD 21202 or emailed to tricia.rodny@maryland.gov. Correspondence should be directed to Tricia Roddy, Director of Planning by 5 pm on December 18.

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