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Public Notice of MO HealthNet Program Benefits for Federally-Qualified Health Center Services

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Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide Medicaid payment methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, the Missouri Title XIX State Plan relating to MO HealthNet Program Benefits for Federally-Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Services is being amended to allow any Small Business Administration loan that is forgiven under the Paycheck Protection Program set forth in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. 116-136, to be treated as a grant awarded by a federal government agency in determining the reimbursement of an FQHC's final settlement for cost reports containing the loans. The amendment is being submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under State Plan Amendment Transmittal Number 20-0010. The change is contingent upon approval by CMS.

There is no fiscal impact to FQHC reimbursement in State Fiscal Year 2020 as a result of this change because the final settlements of cost reports containing the loans will not be complete for at least 2 years.

2. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct., 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: Cathy Wade

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Change in FQHC Reimbursement for SBA Loan" in the subject line. Comments must be received by **May 30, 2020**.

3. A copy of the proposed reimbursement methodology is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents also may be viewed online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>

4. No public hearing will be held.

Interpretive services are available by calling the Participant Services Unit at 1-800-392-2161.
Prevodilačke usluge su dostupne pozivom odjela koji učestvuje u ovom servisu na broj 1-800-392-2161.
Servicios Intrepretative están disponibles llamando a la unidad de servicios de los participantes al 1-800-392-2161.

AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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