

Public Notice Regarding the Alternative Therapies for Chronic Pain State Plan Amendment

March 4, 2019

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandates that proposed changes in statewide 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, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

Effective for dates of service beginning April 1, 2019, the DSS/MHD will amend its State Plan to allow for the provision alternative therapies for the management of chronic pain. These services will require a physician's prescription and utilize integration of medical alternative therapies including services provided by acupuncturists, chiropractors, and physical therapists. All services will require pre-certification.

It is anticipated this program will result in a savings to the state. The first year savings is estimated to be \$13,627,882; and the cost is estimated to be \$3,745,082. The net savings for the first year of the program would be \$9,882,800 (\$13,627,882-\$3,745,082).

2. A copy of the proposed State Plan Amendment is available for public review by contacting the DSS/MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents may also be viewed online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>.
3. 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
P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
Attn: Beth Stokes

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Alternative Therapies State Plan Amendment" in the subject line.

4. No public hearing will be held.