Public Notice of Department of Mental Health Home and Community Based Services Waiver Provider Rate Increase

June 26, 2019

1. 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 methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2019, the MO State Legislature has authorized the following increases:

- Individuals receiving residential services (group home and individualized supported living) with a rate in effect on July 1, 2018, may be granted an increase in their rate due to rate standardization money that was granted by the General Assembly. Increases will be implemented on an individual basis according to the approved rate methodology in the Comprehensive Waiver. The MO HealthNet Division estimates a total cost of $58,437,688 million ($20,109,141 million state funds and $38,328,547 million federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.

- A 1.5% increase to the current maximum allowable reimbursement rate for the following DD waivers as supported by the rate methodology in these waivers: Community Support Waiver, Comprehensive Waiver (excluding residential habilitation), Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Partnership for Hope Waiver. The MHD estimates a total cost of $4,142,389 million ($1,425,479 million state funds and $2,716,910 million federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.

For specific questions about specific services in these waivers, contact the Department of Mental Health.

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

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Court
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: MHD Director
Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use “FY20 DMH HCBS Rate Increase” in the subject line.

3. A copy of the proposed reimbursement adjustment is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the DSS/MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov.

4. No public hearing will be held.