Public Notice Regarding Amending Provisions Governing Health Care Acquired Conditions

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:

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

   To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, access, and to maintain federal compliance, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) proposes to amend the process under the Medicaid State Plan (SPA) by which Health Care Acquired Conditions (HCAC) claims are reviewed and recouped. The initial claims adjustment is for a five year period, July 1, 2012, through September 19, 2017, and will offset the cost of the contract for Fiscal Year (FY) 18. There is minimal fiscal impact to the federal and state governments for FY19. The MHD does not estimate savings in expenditures as a result of this change.

2. This SPA authorizes the MHD to adjust provider payments for claims with a diagnosis identified as HCACs and to maintain federal compliance. Federal law prohibits State Medicaid agencies from paying for HCACs. The MHD will identify the occurrence of HCAC and adjust provider payments. The MHD meets the requirements of 42 CFR 447 and the Social Security Act, with respect to non-payment for Provider-Preventable Conditions (PPC). The MHD will identify the occurrence of PPCs and deny provider payments as applicable.

3. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within thirty 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: Sara Davenport

   Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use “Public Comment for Amending Provisions Governing Health Care Acquired Conditions” in the subject line.
3. A copy of the notice is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents also may be viewed online at https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/amrp.htm.

4. No public hearing will be held.