

**Public Notice Regarding the Prospective Amendment Primary Care Health Home
Medicaid State Plan Amendment**

July 26, 2018

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 provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, effective October 1, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will amend its Primary Care Health Home (PCHH) Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to include two more eligibility conditions, chronic pain and foster care, and the provider requirements when enrolling participants with chronic pain into the PCHH. This amended SPA expands eligible conditions and risk factors for enrollment into PCHH. The MHD estimates a total savings of \$45,500 in expenditures as a result of this change.

- A. Chronic pain is being added to the SPA as both a chronic condition and a risk factor for developing other chronic conditions.
 - a. Chronic Pain is pain that lasts past the time of normal tissue healing. Risk stratification for severity of pain, as well as for worsening condition and/or opioid dependency will be incorporated into eligibility. Qualified participant eligibility shall be limited to chronic non-cancer neck and back pain, chronic pain post trauma, (i.e., motor vehicle collision), and others as determined medically necessary through a prior approval process.
 - b. The criteria for the risk of developing another chronic condition includes chronic pain that can lead to other problems in individuals, such as substance use disorder, overweight/obesity, depression, anxiety, or low self-esteem.
- B. The enrollment criteria for children in foster care and state custody will be added to the SPA as a risk factor for developing another chronic condition. Criteria for enrollment include children who in addition to one or more of the already approved chronic conditions and risk factors (i.e. anxiety, asthma/COPD, cardiovascular disease, developmental disabilities, diabetes, obesity/overweight, substance use disorder tobacco use) put them at

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Servicios Intrepretative están disponibles llamando a la unidad de servicios de los participantes al 1-800-392-2161.

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risk for acute and chronic medical and behavioral health conditions that could be improved with the services provided by the PCHH.

- C. Organizations that want to enroll people with chronic pain diagnoses must have, at a minimum, a contractual relationship with a pain management specialist who will provide guidance and assist in the management of people with a chronic pain diagnosis. A pain management specialist is defined as a licensed physician, Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), who is board certified in anesthesiology or pain management.
2. 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 Prospective Amendment for Primary Care Health Home Medicaid State Plan Amendment" in the subject line. Comments must be received by August 27, 2018.

3. A copy of the Prospective Amendment for Primary Care Health Home Medicaid State Plan Amendment is available for public review by contacting the Department of Social Services, MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents may also be viewed online at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/health-homes/resources.htm>. More information about the PCHH program can be found at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/health-homes/>.
4. A public hearing will not be held.