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Public Notice Regarding Outpatient Direct Medicaid Payment

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Pursuant to Sections 1902(a) 13(A) of the Social Security Act, 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:

The State Plan Amendment Attachment 4.19-B is amended, effective beginning July 1, 2022, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is adding language for the calculation of the outpatient Direct Medicaid Payment. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$40.4 million in expenditures as a result of this change.

- I. Outpatient Direct Medicaid Payment
 - A. In-state hospitals receive an outpatient Direct Medicaid payment to account for the outpatient cost of the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) assessment attributable to Medicaid participants.
 - B. The Medicaid share of the outpatient FRA assessment will be calculated by dividing the hospital's outpatient Medicaid charges by the total outpatient hospital charges from the third prior year cost report to arrive at the Medicaid utilization percentage. This percentage is then multiplied by the outpatient FRA assessment for the current SFY to arrive at the increased allowable Medicaid cost for the outpatient FRA assessment.
 - C. The annual outpatient Direct Medicaid Payment will be calculated for each hospital at the beginning of each state fiscal year (SFY). The annual amount will be processed over the number of financial cycles during the SFY.
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: Christina Jenks

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 Interpretativos 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

TDD / TTY: 800-735-2966

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Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use “Public Comment for Inpatient Hospital Services” in the subject line. Comments must be received by July 30, 2022.

3. A copy of the proposed Inpatient Hospital Services Reimbursement Plan 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 <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>.