Public Notice Regarding the Prospective Assistant Physician Medicaid State Plan Amendment

September 27, 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 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:

   To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, effective for dates of service beginning October 1, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will amend its Assistant Physician Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to allow assistant physicians to enroll as independent MO HealthNet providers. The MHD estimates a total cost of $50,000 expenditures as a result of this change.

   A. An assistant physician may provide services within their scope of practice.
   B. An assistant physician must have a collaborative practice arrangement with a physician.
   C. An assistant physician may only provide primary care services and only in a medically underserved area of Missouri or in any pilot project areas established.

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 Assistant Physician Medicaid State Plan Amendment” in the subject line. Comments must be received by October 27, 2018.

3. A copy of the Prospective Amendment for Assistant Physician 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 https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm.

4. A public hearing will not be held.

Interpretive services are available by calling the Participant Services Unit at 1-800-392-2161.

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