

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal #25-10

TO: All Interested Parties *M.B.*
FROM: Melisa Byrd, Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director
DATE: **March 31, 2025**
SUBJECT: **Public Notice of Intent to Submit State Plan Amendment – Medicaid Services for Eligible Incarcerated Youth.**

Purpose

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) hereby gives notice of the intent to submit amendments to the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance (State Plan) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval. The proposed amendments will provide the Targeted Case Management and EPSDT benefits to eligible justice-involved youth in the post-adjudication phase of the justice process, as described in section 5121 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Eligible youth are defined as youth ages twenty-one (21) years old and under and youth ages twenty-one (21) to twenty-six (26) who were formerly in the foster care system. Additionally, the benefit will be available to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries within thirty (30) days of release. For Targeted Case Management services, the District plans to offer this service within thirty (30) days of release and for sixty (60) days post-release.

Pursuant to Federal regulations at 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, a state must provide public notice of any significant change in the state’s methods and standards for setting payment rates for services prior to the proposed effective dates in the State Plan amendments submitted to CMS. DHCF will provide a comprehensive listing of all changes to the rates on the DC Medicaid website at <http://www.dcm Medicaid.com>.

Consolidated Appropriations Act

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023), signed into law on December 29, 2022, section 5121 requires state Medicaid and CHIP programs to have a plan in place and, in accordance with such plan, effective January 1, 2025, provide the services described below for an eligible juvenile who is within thirty (30) days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication.

EPSDT Services

In the thirty (30) days prior to release (or not later than one week, or as soon as practicable, after release from the public institution), and in coordination with the public institution, the state must provide any screenings and diagnostic services which meet reasonable standards of medical and dental practice, as determined by the state, or as otherwise indicated as medically necessary, in

accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements, including a behavioral health screening or diagnostic service. For former foster care youth ages twenty-one (21) to twenty-six (26), the District must provide similar diagnostic and screening services.

Targeted Case Management Services

In the thirty (30) days prior to release, and for at least thirty (30) days following release, the state must provide targeted case management services, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible, under the Medicaid state plan (or waiver of such plan).

These proposed changes will be submitted to CMS on March 31, 2025, with an effective date of January 1, 2025. The District projects an increase of \$320,976 in aggregate Medicaid expenditures for FY26 and \$641,952 in FY27.

Contact

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