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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A FAMILY PLANNING SECTION §1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER EXTENSION –ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING DATES

The Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) is proposing to extend its Family Planning Section §1115 Demonstration Waiver. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 431.408, notice is hereby given that Medicaid will provide the public the opportunity to review and provide input on the Demonstration Waiver that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed effective dates for the Waiver extension are October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027. The Waiver application is seeking continued flexibility in administering and managing the Plan First program delivery model for the provision of family planning services to eligible individuals. It is designed to reduce unintended pregnancies and improve the well-being of women, men, and infants in Alabama. Medicaid does not anticipate a change in expenditures due to this Demonstration extension request.

This notice provides details about the Waiver submission and serves to open the 30-day public comment period. The Agency opened a public comment period on July 30, 2021 with comments due on August 30, 2021. The Agency has extended the comment submission date to Monday November 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM (CST). In addition to the 30-day public comment period in which the public will be able to provide written comments to the Agency via the U.S. Postal Service or electronic mail, Medicaid will also host two additional public hearings in which the public may provide verbal comments directly to the Agency. The public hearings will be held on the following dates and times:

Date	Time	To Join Online	To Join by Phone
Tuesday, October 5, 2021	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	https://algov.webex.com/algov/j.php?MTID=m3574da5a54a1a26b18a3c7ae91e30c4e Meeting number (access code): 1776 35 4888 Meeting password: Medicaid1	Dial: 1-415-655-0001 (US Toll) Access Code: 1776 35 4888 Attendee number: enter #
Thursday, October 7, 2021	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	https://algov.webex.com/algov/j.php?MTID=me8f59784b1e03abd0334b4a79e1113ae Meeting number (access code): 1778 05 0502 Meeting password: Medicaid1	Dial: 1-415-655-0001 (US Toll) Access Code: 1778 05 0502 Attendee number: enter #

Medicaid will be presenting on the renewal at the public hearings. The additional public hearings will be similar to the public hearings held on August 18, 2021 and August 25, 2021. All information regarding the Demonstration Waiver, including a full public notice, the Waiver application, dial-in instructions for the public hearings, and other documentation regarding the proposal are available at:

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.4_Family_Planning.aspx.

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A copy of the draft Demonstration renewal application will also be available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Written comments concerning the §1115 Demonstration Waiver should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on Monday November 1, 2021 to the following e-mail address: publiccomment@medicaid.alabama.gov or mailed hardcopy to: Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P.O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address. Prior to finalizing the proposed Waiver, Medicaid will consider all of the public comments received during the public comment period, both written and verbal. The comments will be summarized and addressed in the final draft of the Waiver to be submitted to CMS.



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