

PUBLIC NOTICE

February 9, 2016

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 441.304(f), public notice is hereby given to the submission of a Medicaid Elderly and Disabled Waiver (E&D) Amendment. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit these proposed changes to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the E&D Waiver effective March 10, 2016.

1. The proposed changes to the E&D Waiver are:
 - a. Refine the process for waiver enrollment through an improved assessment instrument,
 - b. Utilize an algorithm for level of care (LOC) determination,
 - c. Reduce the one hundred percent (100%) nurse review requirement for approval of LOC reassessments and Plans of Services and Supports (PSS),
 - d. Remove the requirement that a physician certify a LOC determination,
 - e. Update quality measures to reflect quality review based on random samples, and
 - f. Update terminology in affected sections to "person" instead of participant or individual and references of plan of care to "Plan of Services and Supports (PSS)".
2. These proposed changes will decrease the person's wait time for the services, fully develop the quality strategy, and incorporate the process of person centered planning (PCP) in the development of the Plan of Services and Supports (PSS).
3. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.
4. A public hearing on this waiver amendment will not be held.