



STATE OF DELAWARE
PUBLIC NOTICE
DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
DELAWARE DIAMOND STATE HEALTH PLAN
1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER AMENDMENT

Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) / Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) gives notice of its intent to file an application with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend Delaware's Section 1115 Diamond State Health Plan (DSHP) Demonstration Waiver to incorporate preventative and restorative dental services for adults into managed care.

Purpose

The purpose of this posting is to provide public notice and receive public input for consideration regarding Delaware's Diamond State Health Plan (DSHP) 1115 Waiver amendment, which will add effective 10/1/2020 Medicaid state plan-covered preventative and restorative dental services for adults in the existing DSHP and DSHP managed care delivery system.

Proposed Amendment: Overview and Summary of Proposed 1115 DSHP Waiver Amendment for Adult Dental Services

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) is requesting an amendment to the Delaware Diamond State Health Plan (DSHP) Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver to include state plan covered preventative and restorative dental services for adults in the DSHP and DSHP Plus managed care delivery system.

Recent legislation signed into law by Governor John Carney added dental care for adults as a benefit provided through the State's Medicaid program. This important legislation recognizes dental care as an important component of health care. This 1115 waiver amendment will enable Delaware to increase access to dental services for adults on Medicaid and ultimately improve individual health outcomes due to improved oral health.

DSHP 1115 Waiver Program: Adult Dental Services Amendment Description, Goals and Objectives

On August 6, 2019, Delaware Governor John Carney signed into law Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 92, which adds dental care for adults as a benefit provided under the State's Medicaid program. Effective October 1, 2020, Delaware's adult dental benefit will cover both preventative and restorative services. Statutory requirements

limit the benefit to \$1,000 per calendar year. An additional \$1,500 per year in benefits is available for emergency services. Dental services for adults will be subject to a \$3 co-pay per visit.

DMMA submitted a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on January 16, 2020 adding adult dental services as an optional service to its State Plan. This SPA is pending CMS approval. Additionally, Delaware will amend its Alternate Benefit Plan making adult dental services available to its adult group in the same manner as described in its State Plan.

Dental services for adults will be carved into the existing DSHP and DSHP Plus managed care delivery system that operates under Section 1115 waiver authority, with services available to individuals during their brief FFS period prior to managed care enrollment. Dental services for children will continue to be carved out of managed care with claims being paid through FFS. The covered services, service limitations, prior authorization requirements and fee schedule for adults in managed care will align closely with that for children.

The addition of adult dental services further supports DMMA's mission to *"Improve health outcomes by ensuring that the highest quality medical services are provided to the vulnerable populations of Delaware in the most cost effective manner."* DMMA seeks to increase access to dental services for adults on Medicaid ultimately resulting in improved health outcomes because of improved oral health.

Delaware seeks to achieve the following during this demonstration period:

- Increase the number of adults who receive an oral exam annually.
- Decrease the percent of untreated dental caries in adults.
- Increase the number of adults with diabetes who receive an oral exam and preventive services (cleaning) annually.

Public Comment Submission Process

DHSS/DMMA is interested in receiving public input regarding this amendment. The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed amendment for adult dental services. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2020 and may be submitted as described below.

Comments on the amendment may be submitted in the following ways:

This public notice and copies of the draft amendment are posted on the DHSS/DMMA website at:

<http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/medicaid.html>

Comments and input may be submitted in the following ways:

By email: Nicole.M.Cunningham@state.delaware.us

Hardcopies of the public notice may also be obtained by contacting Nicole Cunningham at the email address above.

Public Meetings

DHSS/DMMA will hold two virtual public meetings with opportunity for public comment, as listed below.

July 16, 2020 9:30 AM ET

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://mmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JVbauYu3R22x6rjFiysujg

When: July 20, 2020 6:30 PM ET

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://mmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MSQDlp5XQTqnZGZS_WsJtQ

Any public feedback received will be considered the DHSS/DMMA and summarized in the 1115 DSHP Waiver Amendment that will be submitted to CMS.

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7/6/2020 | 2:00 PM EDT

Date