

## Public Notice

### Public Comment Period For State Plan Amendment IA-19-007: Cost Sharing Tracking Technical Updates

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In accordance with 42 CFR § 447.57(c), notice is hereby given that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) related to technical changes for tracking of household income for purposes of calculating aggregate family limits for cost sharing effective July 1, 2019. This change is being made to align State Plan language with current policy.

This notice provides a summary of the purpose of the SPA and also serves to open the 30-day public comment period. All comments must be received by June 30, 2019.

#### **Summary**

This SPA makes a technical correction to State Plan language to indicate that Iowa's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) are no longer contractually required to develop mechanisms to track cost sharing to ensure members' total cost sharing does not exceed 5 percent of quarterly household income. Members are not at risk of reaching the aggregate family limit, as demonstrated by data that has shown 0.5 percent of individuals have reached the aggregate limit, given the low amount of cost sharing imposed and because DHS does not impose cost sharing on individuals below 50 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Therefore, as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and in accordance with 42 CFR § 447.56, DHS does not apply a process to track incurred cost-sharing that does not rely on beneficiary documentation and will eliminate this requirement from contractually-required MCO obligations. Individuals will continue to receive notice of their right to appeal if they exceed the 5 percent cap.

DHS seeks a July 1, 2019 effective date for this SPA.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact

#### **Public Review and Comments**

This notice and a copy of this SPA is posted on the DHS website at the following link: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/cost-sharing-tracking>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be made available for review at the DHS Field Offices.

Written comments may be addressed to Jennifer Steenblock, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to [jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us). Please

indicate SPA #IA-19-007 in the subject line of the email. All comments must be received by June 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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