

Public Notice

Public Comment Period for State Plan Amendments IA-19-013 and IA-19-014: Dental Benefit Changes in the Dental Wellness Plan (DWP)

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with 42 CFR §440.386, that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment two Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs), 19-013 and 19-014, related to dental benefit changes in the Iowa Dental Wellness Plan (DWP).

Summary

The Basic Dental Benefit Package will be enhanced to include coverage for:

- Caries risk assessment
- Fluoride application
- Interim caries arresting medicament application
- Dentures, including repairs and adjustments

Additionally, the topical application of fluoride varnish and caries risk assessment have been added as qualifying Healthy Behaviors services. In the DWP, enrollees who complete a Healthy Behavior are not subject to a dental premium in their following year of enrollment.

The State will ensure compliance with 42 CFR §440.345 related to early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) requirements by inspecting medical and peer review records, as well as regular reports of health screenings and examination related activities. The State will assure compliance with the provisions of section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by continuing to engage in tribal consultations, in accordance with federal law and the Iowa Medicaid State Plan. Tribal notice has been provided for these SPAs.

These changes are effective July 1, 2019, pending federal approval.

Fiscal Impact

SPA Number	<u>19-013</u>	<u>19-014</u>
<i>Federal Dollars</i>		
Federal Fiscal Year 2019	\$182,451.98	\$197,656.31
Federal Fiscal Year 2020	\$745,273.57	\$807,379.70

<i>State Dollars</i>		
State Fiscal Year 2020	\$476,390.56	\$516,089.77
State Fiscal Year 2021	\$462,873.34	\$501,446.12

Public Review and Comments

This notice and information about the SPAs are available at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/dental-benefit-changes>. Non-electronic copies will be made available for review at each DHS Field Office.

Written comments may be addressed to Heather Miller, Dental Program Manager, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to hmillier@dhs.state.ia.us. Please indicate SPA 19-013 and 19-014 in the subject line of the email.

All comments on these SPAs must be received by September 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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