



Public Notice

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLAN AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with 42 CFR §440.386, that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs) related to programmatic changes to dental benefits provided under the Iowa Medicaid State Plan and via the Iowa Dental Wellness Plan (DWP) effective July 1, 2018.

This notice provides a summary of the purpose of the SPAs and also serves to open the 30-day public comment period. All comments must be received **by June 29, 2018**.

Alternative Benefit Plan-Dental (IA-18-012) & State Plan Benefits for Dental Services (IA-18-013)

These SPAs modify the dental benefits available to Iowa Medicaid enrollees under both the State Plan and the DWP. Covered benefits for all eligibility groups will remain the same; however, effective July 1, 2018, the dental benefit maximum for each enrollee will be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per state fiscal year (July 1- June 30). The \$1,000 limit will not apply to the following services: preventive, diagnostic, emergency, anesthesia, and fabrication of dentures. Replacement dentures will be limited to one every five (5) years per enrollee with the possibility of obtaining prior authorization for medical necessity replacement dentures prior to expiration of the 5-year period.

Additionally, enrollees under 21 years of age will continue to be eligible for medically necessary dental services in accordance with federal early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) requirements.

The State will ensure compliance with 42 CFR §440.345 related to EPSDT 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.

DHS is seeking a July 1, 2018, effective date.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact savings of these SPAs is outlined in the table below.

<i>Federal Dollars</i>	<i>State Dollars</i>
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FFY 2018:	SFY 2019: (\$1,644,080)
FFY 2019:	SFY 2020: (\$1,644,080)

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

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

Written comments may be addressed to Heather Miller, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to hmiller@dhs.state.ia.us. All comments on these SPAs must be received **by June 29, 2018** at 4:30 p.m.

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