

Public Notice

Public Comment Period for State Plan Amendment IA-20-001: Pharmacist Scope of Practice and Vaccine Reimbursement

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Pursuant to the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 447.205, notice is hereby given that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-001.

This SPA proposes an update to allow coverage of Iowa Board of Pharmacy regulated expanded practice protocols for pharmacists (657 IAC Chapter 38) under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Summary

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health, developed statewide protocols for pharmacist ordering and dispensing of naloxone and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) tobacco cessation products, as well as pharmacist ordering and administering vaccines. In order to allow these expanded pharmacist practice protocols under Medicaid, DHS is proposing to update the scope of pharmacist covered services. A pharmacist must enroll with Medicaid to provide the service as an “ordering” provider. Billing of pharmacist vaccine services is through the healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS) and is reimbursed by fee schedule to ensure consistency of services and reimbursement among all provider types.

Fiscal Impact

This SPA is expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures/payments for the changes listed below as the proposed changes provide a different access point to products already covered through other avenues.

Public Review and Comments

This notice and a copy of SPA-20-001 is posted on the DHS website at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/pharmacist-practice>.

To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be available for public review at each local DHS office.

Written comments may be sent to Susan Parker, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309 or may be emailed to sparker2@dhs.state.ia.us. Please indicate SPA 20-001 in the subject line of the email.

All comments must be received by March 13, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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