

**NOTICE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with 42 CFR §447.57(c) and 42 CFR §440.386 that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA) related to the Dental Wellness Plan (DWP) changes that will be effective July 1, 2017. The State will implement an integrated dental program for the majority of Medicaid enrollees aged 19 and over. The redesigned DWP incorporates an innovative incentive structure to improve oral health by encouraging utilization of preventive dental services and compliance with treatment plans. Movement of the majority of adult enrollees to the DWP will result in a seamless experience for enrollees and dental providers as individuals transition through different eligibility categories.

This notice provides a summary of the purpose of the SPAs and also serves to open the 30-day public comment period. All comments on these SPAs must be received by June 30, 2017.

Alternative Benefit Plan & State Plan Benefits

These SPAs modify the covered dental benefits available to enrollees under the DWP. The current DWP tiered benefit structure will be replaced. DWP enrollees will have access to the following dental benefits during their first year of DWP enrollment:

- Diagnostic/preventive dental service
 - Exams and education
 - Cleanings
 - X-rays
 - Fluoride
- Emergency & stabilization services
- Restorative services
- Non-surgical periodontal
- Endodontic care
- Crowns
- Tooth replacements
- Periodontal surgery

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.

To maintain access to these full benefits in their second year of enrollment without a premium obligation, enrollees must complete the required healthy behaviors during their first enrollment year. These healthy behaviors include completion of an oral health self-assessment and preventive dental exam. Enrollees who do not complete the required healthy behaviors in their first year of enrollment will have a monthly premium obligation. Enrollees with a premium obligation who fail to make ongoing monthly premium payments will be eligible for reduced dental benefits.

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 this SPA.

DHS is seeking a July 1, 2017, effective date for this SPA.

Cost Sharing

The proposed SPA removes the \$3 copayment for dental services, as the majority of Medicaid enrollees aged 19 and over will now be served under the DWP. All other current cost sharing amounts and consequences for non-payment remain unchanged from current policy. Cost sharing for hawk-i enrollees is not impacted by this SPA.

DHS is seeking a July 1, 2017, effective date for this SPA.

Fiscal Impact

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

<i>Federal Dollars</i>	<i>State Dollars</i>
FFY 2017: (\$3,844,258)	SFY 2018: \$354,756
FFY 2018: (\$15,273,706)	SFY 2019: \$167,347

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

This notice and information about the DWP are available at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notice>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be made available for review at the DHS Field Offices.

Written comments may be addressed to Sabrina Johnson, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to imedentalwellnessplan@dhs.state.ia.us. All comments on these SPAs must be received by June 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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