

## PUBLIC NOTICE

June 22, 2017

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given to the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA). The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, is submitting SPA 17-0003 Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Services. Effective July 1, 2017 and contingent upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Division of Medicaid will cover Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services for pregnant women.

1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 17-0003 Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Services is being submitted to cover Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services for pregnant women.
2. The expected annual economic impact is \$36,807.00 in state dollars and \$110,423.00 in federal dollars if one hundred percent (100%) of the 2,440 beneficiaries identified as being pregnant with a substance use diagnosis receive SBIRT services.
3. Coverage was requested by ReNew Mississippi to ensure pregnant women receive Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services.
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov) or may be requested at [Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov) or 601-359-5779.
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or [Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov) for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov).
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

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