

SUMMARY

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0014

Utilization Review (UR) in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)

Proposed Effective Date: September 1, 2019

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0014 Utilization Review (UR) in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs) is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid to change control of the utilization of ICF/IIDs from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) to the contracted Utilization Management/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO), effective September 1, 2019.

42 C.F.R. § 456.401 requires that the State Plan perform UR for each ICF that furnishes inpatient services under the plan, that each ICF has on file a written UR plan that provides for review of each beneficiary's need for the services that the ICF furnishes him, and that each written ICF UR plan meets requirements under §§ 456.401 through 456.438.

The State plan must specify the method used to perform UR. That method may be a review conducted by the facility, direct review in the facility by individuals employed by the medical assistance unit of the Medicaid agency or under contract to the Medicaid agency, or direct review by any other method. The effective date of SPA 19-0014 is September 1, 2019, to correspond to the effective date of the Division of Medicaid's contract with the new UM/QIO.

The estimated economic impact in state funds is \$20,158 for state fiscal year (SFY) 20 and \$24,189 for SFY21. The estimated economic impact in federal funds is \$6,741 for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 19 and \$80,890 for FFY20. This economic impact was calculated using the difference in the cost of UR performed by MSDH under an interagency agreement and the cost of adding UR to the UM/QIO contract. The Office of Long-Term Care previously paid MSDH \$3,945 annually to perform the UR function. Alliant provided an estimated future cost of \$109,024 to perform UR in ICF/IIDs.

The Office of Mental Health requests the filing of this SPA.

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Citation

42 C.F.R. 456.2
50 FR 15312

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- Facility-based review.
 - Direct review by personnel of the medical assistance unit of the State agency.
 - Personnel under contract to the medical assistance unit of the State agency
 - Utilization Management / Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO).
 - Another method as described in ATTACHMENT 4.1.-A
 - Two or more of the above methods ATTACHMENT 4.14-B describes the circumstances under which each method is used.
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