

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 29, 2023

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0001 End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Services. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective January 1, 2024, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #24-0001.

1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 24-0001 ESRD Services is being submitted to remove references to Medicare regulations, remove references to in-home services, unfreeze reimbursement rates and make other edits required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective January 1, 2024.
2. The expected annual impact is \$1,906,397. The federal annual aggregate expenditure is \$1,104,805 for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY24) and \$1,466,019 for FFY25. The expected increase in state annual aggregate expenditure is \$324,993 for FFY 24 and \$440,378 for FFY25.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to comply with 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 that requires the Division of Medicaid to submit a SPA describing the policy and methods used in setting payment rates for each type of service included in the Mississippi State Plan.
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, or requested at 601-359-3984 or by emailing at DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov.
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 DOMPolicy@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.
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

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A. Payment Methodology

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B. Rate Setting

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~~Effective July 1, 2021~~, For each subsequent year, the dialysis center's ESRD PPS rate shall be equal to the bundled ESRD base PPS rate established by Medicare as of January 1, ~~2021~~ for that year and adjusted by the ESRD PPS Wage Index, ~~with no further updates~~.

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