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División de Asistencia Médica (Medicaid)

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Public Notice for Adding Home Health, Hospice, and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services and Updating the Description of Reimbursement of Multiple Services

As required by 42 CFR 447.205, the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) is providing this public notice of proposed changes to Medicaid reimbursement methodology for home health, hospice, non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), physical therapy, speech therapy, hearing services, occupational therapy, and early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT).

Effective on or after July 1, 2024, Puerto Rico expects to add coverage of home health services, durable medical equipment, hospice services, and non-emergency medical transportation. The annual aggregate expenditure for these expanded services is expected to be \$119,100,000.

Puerto Rico is also proposing to change the State Plan description of reimbursement for physical therapy, speech therapy, hearing services, occupational therapy, and EPSDT reimbursement to remove outdated language referencing an all-inclusive rate for government and contracted facilities. These changes are not expected to have a fiscal impact because these services are currently being provided. Implementation of these changes are subject to approval by the FOMB and CMS.

For all services referenced, the proposed methodology would incorporate reimbursement into the actuarial calculation of the managed care capitation rates.

PRMP proposes to make the amendment effective on or after July 1, 2024. PRMP expects to submit the State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by September 30, 2024. Implementation of these changes depends on approval by the FOMB and CMS.

Any person or organization may file written comments on this amendment within thirty (30) calendar days of the publication of this Public Notice on the Medicaid Program website (<https://www.medicaid.pr.gov/>).

Proposed changes may be viewed at local PRMP offices.

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