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Members of the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee  
State Capitol  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Subcommittee Members:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the Department of Health to update its State Plan and existing waivers for Medicaid when the State makes changes to the program. In accordance with these changes and reporting requirements of Subsection 26-18-3(3), the following is a summary of recent changes:

## State Plan Amendments

### Rehabilitative Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

The Division of Medicaid and Health Financing (DMHF) submitted an amendment to the State Plan.

This amendment allows a bundled payment methodology for rehabilitative mental health services when provided in crisis receiving centers. It also updates the effective date of rates for these services to October 1, 2020, and clarifies that rehabilitative mental health and substance use disorder services provided to a Medicaid member's family, are for the direct benefit of the Medicaid member.

DMHF expects total annual expenditures to increase by about \$1,748,050 as a result of this amendment.

This amendment does not affect future appropriations and there is no cost shift to more expensive services for Medicaid members and their families.



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## **WAIVERS**

### **1915(b) Waiver Amendments Approved**

On October 14, 2020 CMS approved an amendment to the Prepaid Mental Health Plan (PMHP) waiver. This waiver amendment changes the PMHP serving Tooele County from Valley Behavioral Health to Optum Tooele County. This change was effective November 1, 2020.

On November 25, 2020, CMS approved an amendment to the Choice of Dental Care Delivery Program (Dental Choices) waiver. This amendment removes adults age 21 through 64 who have a disability or are blind from dental managed care as a result of budget reduction made during the 2020 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session. Effective January 1, 2021, this population will receive dental services through University of Utah, School of Dentistry and their statewide network of providers.

### **1115 Waiver Amendment**

#### **Mental Health IMD (Institutions for Mental Disease) Waiver**

On December 16, 2020 CMS approved the Mental Health IMD, Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) waiver approved by CMS. The Mental Health IMD waiver allows the State to reimburse residential mental health treatment services delivered to Medicaid members in facilities with 17 or more beds. Medicaid has historically been prohibited by CMS from paying for residential mental health treatment services in facilities with 17 or more beds. This waiver amendment is effective December 16, 2020.

#### **Dental Services for Medicaid Members with Disabilities or Blindness Waiver**

On December 16, 2020 CMS approved an amendment to the waiver to allow the state to provide the state plan dental benefits through FFS under the section 1115 demonstration through the University of Utah, School of Dentistry and their statewide network of providers. The UUSOD agreed to pay for the state share of these services because the funding for these services was reduced during the 2020 Fifth Special Session. In addition, the waiver allows the state to add coverage for porcelain or porcelain-to-metal crowns to the dental benefit package for Disabled and Blind Medicaid members.

**Managed Care Rates- Rates Submitted to or Approved by CMS-October-December 2020**

Type of Plan	Rate Period	Date Submitted to CMS	Date Approved by CMS	COMMENTS
ACO	SFY 2021	11/11/2020		Rates for Legacy Medicaid Groups
HOME	SFY 2021	06/09/2020	11/19/2020	Individuals with IDD and co-occurring mental health and/or SUD.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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