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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:

### **Rehabilitative Mental Health Services**

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

This amendment adds the statewide crisis line as a Medicaid-covered service. The crisis line is available 24/7 and is staffed with qualified mental health professionals who assist Medicaid members who are experiencing a mental health crisis. This amendment also updates and clarifies rehabilitative mental health service provisions

DMHF expects annual expenditures to be about \$1,555,000 as a result of this amendment. DMHF will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the state share of these expenditure

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

On August 27, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) approved the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) SPA. This Rehabilitative Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder SPA implements a bundled payment methodology for social detoxification and for 16-bed mental health residential treatment programs for Medicaid members 21 years of age or older.



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### **Medical Supplies and DME Rebasing**

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

This amendment reinstates language inadvertently removed for HCPCS codes related to medical supplies and durable medical equipment (DME).

This amendment neither affects annual expenditures nor future appropriations for the Medicaid program, and there is no cost shift to more expensive services for Medicaid members and their families.

### **Public Health Emergency Waivers and SPAs**

The Division of Medicaid and Health Financing (DMHF) submitted a Disaster Emergency State Plan Amendment and a 1915(c) Appendix K in support of the state's American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community-Based Services Enhanced Funding Spending Plan.

Spending Plan. This SPA will allow the state to make temporary supplemental payments for certain state plan services, such as home health, personal care services, behavioral health services and school-based services under Section 9817 of ARPA. This section temporarily increases Medicaid FMAP by 10%. State funds saved by this increase are matched with federal funds to make these payments until March 31, 2024.

DMHF expects annual expenditures to be about \$9,996,378 for this SPA that provides relief to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

### **1115 Demonstration Waiver**

On July 23, 2021 CMS approved an 1115 waiver amendment. This amendment ends a pilot project for reimbursement of social detoxification in the 1115 waiver. The pilot project was ended and coverage for this service was added statewide.

### **1915(b) Waiver Amendment Submitted**

On August 23, 2021 a waiver to the Choice of Health Care Delivery Program (Dental Choices) waiver was submitted to CMS. This waiver amendment modifies the cost effectiveness worksheet with a current the per member per month (PMPM) estimate to with the actuarial rates of the dental managed care plans.

### **1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers**

On September 22, 2021, CMS approved amendments to the following waivers to add spouse caregiver compensation as a covered service pursuant to SB 63 Caregiver Compensation (Senator Harper) 2021 General Session

Community Supports Waiver  
Waiver for Individuals Age 65 and older  
Acquired Brain Injury  
Physical Disabilities Waiver  
New Choices Waiver  
Community Transitions waiver



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**Managed Care Rates- Rates Submitted to or Approved by CMS**  
**July -September 2021**

Type of Plan	Rate Period	Date Submitted to CMS	Date Approved by CMS	COMMENTS
ACO	SFY 2020	08/21/2019	08/03/2021	Rates for Legacy Medicaid Group
UMIC	SFY 2022	06/29/2021		Utah Medicaid Integrated Care- Medicaid Expansion
PMHP	SFY 2022	07/12/2021		Prepaid Mental Health Plans
H.O.M.E.	SFY 2022	08/13/2021		Healthy Outcomes, Medical Excellence Plan

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at [echacon@utah.gov](mailto:echacon@utah.gov) or (801) 448-1543.

Sincerely,

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