

## LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES  
Autism Benefit**

**TAKE NOTICE** the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in conjunction with Department of Children and Families, Children's System of Care (DCF/CSOC) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan to include Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) related services for EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment) eligible individuals. Individuals with Autism will have access to a multidisciplinary array of services that are individually planned and coordinated. Services are identified in a plan of care that is inclusive of parent/caregiver and youth choice, and best practice decisions between formal and informal supports/services and families that yield sustainable growth for the youth and family across life domains.

Subject to approval by CMS, a multidisciplinary array of services for youth with ASD, to prevent and manage complications, and ultimately to maximize beneficiary quality of life may be provided by approved New Jersey Medicaid in home providers, out of home providers, clinic, physician or other qualified professional healthcare providers.

The estimated total costs for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2019 and 2020 are projected to be \$25.5M (\$12.25M state share), and \$34M (\$17M state share) respectively. This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal statutes and regulations, specifically 42 CFR §447.205.

An Autism Public Forum will be held on January 9, 2019 from 9:00am until 12:00pm at the New Jersey State Police Headquarters Complex, Public Health, Environmental, and Agricultural Laboratory (PHEAL) Building located at 3 Schwarzkopf Drive, Ewing Township, New Jersey, 08628.

A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department's website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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