

Notice of Amendment to Demonstration Authority

Notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) seeks to amend its Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver, #11-W-00298/1 entitled, the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP) Premium Assistance, with such amendment to be in place by April 30, 2018.

Summary of Demonstration

Under the NHHPP Premium Assistance demonstration, New Hampshire uses premium assistance to support the purchase of health insurance coverage for beneficiaries eligible under the new adult group provided via certain qualified health plans (QHPs) doing business in the individual market through the Marketplace. The demonstration affects individuals in the new adult group covered under Title XIX of the Social Security Act who are adults from age 19 up to and including age 64 with incomes up to and including 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are neither enrolled in (nor eligible for) Medicare or enrolled in the state's Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment seeks to effect the following modification:

Modify eligibility to require that newly eligible adults who are unemployed be eligible to receive benefits if DHHS finds that the individual is engaging in work or a combination of other clearly outlined activities for at least 20 hours per week upon application of benefits, 25 hours per week after receiving 12 months of benefits over the lifetime of the applicant and 30 hours per week after receiving 24 months of benefits over the lifetime of the applicant.

Waiver and Expenditure Authorities

Existing waiver and expenditure authorities will be not modified.

Opportunity for Public Input

The complete version of the current draft of the Demonstration application is available for public review at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/pap-1115-waiver/index.htm>. Public comments may be submitted until midnight on September 29, 2017. Comments may be submitted by email to NHPremiumAssistanceAmendment@dhhs.nh.gov or by regular mail to the NH Department of Health and Human Services, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301-3857. Comments should be addressed to Dawn Landry.

Review of Documents and Submission of Documents

This notice, waiver documents, and information about the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP) Premium Assistance Demonstration are available at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/pap-1115-waiver/index.htm>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies of all the aforementioned documents are available by contacting the Department of Health and Human Services, Dawn Landry.

The State will host two public hearings during the public comment period.

September 14, 2017 1:00 - 2:30

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1528 Elm St
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September 21, 2017 11:00 – 12:30

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