

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND COMMENT PERIOD

CHILDLESS, NONDISABLED ADULTS, AGES 21-64, MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 431.408, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is providing public notice about an application to extend the authority under which the District operates its current Childless Adults Demonstration. The District's Childless Adults Demonstration provides non-pregnant, non-disabled adults, ages 21-64, with incomes between 133% and at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) with full Medicaid coverage, accessible through Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. The goals of the Childless Adults Demonstration are to (1) improve access to health care; (2) increase the rate of insured D.C. residents; and (3) provide continuity in health insurance coverage. In conjunction with State Plan authority to cover adults with incomes at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), the Demonstration authorizes the District's Medicaid program to cover childless adults with incomes between 0% and at or below 200% FPL.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the original Demonstration on October 28, 2010, with effective dates of November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. The application requests a three (3) year extension, from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. The extension would ensure continuous access to health insurance coverage for childless adults in light of the changes necessary to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119, enacted March 23, 2010. If the extension application is approved, the Demonstration will continue to operate pursuant to the authority of Section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (the Act), which allows expenditures not otherwise included as medical assistance under Section 1903 of the Act to be considered as expenditures under the District of Columbia's Title XIX State Plan for Medical Assistance.

In accordance with Federal requirements, DHCF will submit the application to CMS after convening two public meetings to discuss the application and receive stakeholder input. These meetings will take place as follows:

Public Meeting I: Childless Adults Demonstration Extension Overview

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2013, Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Address: 609 H Street, NE, 2nd Floor Conference Room (Large), Washington, DC 20002

Public Meeting II: Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting

Teleconference Capability

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013, Time: 1:30pm

Address: 899 N. Capitol Street NE, Room 6130, Washington, DC 20002

Teleconference Number: 1-888-395-5745 || Participant Code: 7970473#

Physical copies of the Demonstration extension application are available for public review and comment at the Department of Health Care Finance, 899 N. Capitol Street, NE, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20002, and at dhcf.dc.gov. Comments will be accepted between April 15, 2013 and May 15, 2013, and may be submitted to the attention of Linda Elam, PhD, MPH, Senior Deputy Director/State Medicaid Director, using the physical address above or via email at DHCFPublicComments@dc.gov with the subject line stating "Comment – 1115 Demonstration Extension Application".