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Public Notice: Draft Access Monitoring Review Plan (AMRP)

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is seeking comments regarding the Draft AMRP as required with Federal regulations at 42 CFR §§447.203-204, implementing section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act), requiring states to analyze data and supporting information to document that Fee-for-Service Medicaid payment rates are sufficient to enroll enough providers so that covered services are accessible under the state plan as compared to the general population in the geographic area.

Every three years states must conduct the analysis for the following services:

- 1. Primary care services, including these provided by a physician in a Federal Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC), clinic, or dental care;
- 2. Physician specialist services, including cardiology, neurology, ophthalmology, urology, nephrology, and radiology;
- 3. Behavioral health services, including mental health and substance use disorder;
- 4. Prenatal and postnatal obstetric services, including labor and delivery; and
- 5. Home Health Services and Private Duty Nursing.

States are required to add services or update the plan when submitting State Plan Amendments (SPAs) reducing or restructuring rates, which includes an analysis of the current level of access, the expected SPA impact on access, and comments shared by stakeholders.

States are also required to add services to the AMRP when reducing or restricting rates in ways that could diminish access to care. Since the original AMRP in 2017, the MHD added three additional categories due to restructuring of rates which had the potential to affect access to care at the time they were implemented:

- 1. Pharmacy agencies;
- 2. Nursing facilities; and
- 3. Outpatient Hospital.

The AMRP is available for review at https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts public-notices.htm and comments must be received by September 22, 2019.

Comments may be emailed to <u>Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov</u> with a subject line of "Public Comment for Access Monitoring Review Plan." Comments may also be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division Attention: Justin Clutter 615 Howerton Court, 2nd Floor Jefferson City, MO 65109

Interpretive services are available by calling the Participant Services Unit at 1-800-392-2161.

Prevodilačke usluge su dostupne pozivom odjela koji učestvuje u ovom servisu na broj 1-800-392-2161.

Servicios Interpretativos están disponibles llamando a la unidad de servicios de los participantes al 1-800-392-2161.

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