

CHAPTER 74

AN ACT concerning the Medicaid program and supplementing P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.30:4D-17.33 Medicaid medical home demonstration project; terms defined.

1. a. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, subject to federal approval and the availability of federal financial participation under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, shall establish a three-year Medicaid medical home demonstration project as provided in this act. The demonstration project shall be developed in consultation and implemented with the managed care organizations that contract with the Medicaid program to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients or with other appropriate vendors that contract with the Medicaid program to provide health care services to general public assistance recipients.

b. The Medicaid program shall:

(1) Consider payment methodologies that support care-coordination through multi-disciplinary teams, including payment for care of patients with chronic diseases and the elderly, and that encourage services such as: (a) patient or family education for patients with chronic diseases; (b) home-based services; (c) telephonic communication; (d) group care; (e) oral health examinations, when applicable; and (f) culturally and linguistically appropriate care. In addition, the payment system shall be structured to reward quality and improved patient outcomes;

(2) Develop a system to support primary care providers in developing an organizational structure necessary to provide a medical home; and

(3) Identify primary care providers for participation in the demonstration project that provide care to their patients using a medical home model, which at a minimum shall include primary care providers utilizing a multi-disciplinary team that provides patient-centered care coordination through the use of health information technology and chronic disease registries across the patient's life-span and across all domains of the health care system and the patient's community.

c. Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the choice of a Medicaid or general public assistance recipient who is participating in the medical home demonstration project to directly access a qualified health care provider for family planning services who is not participating in the demonstration project.

d. Subject to the availability of federal matching funds, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services shall begin implementing the demonstration project no later than January 1, 2011.

e. As used in this act:

“General public assistance” means the Work First New Jersey General Public Assistance program established pursuant to P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.);

“Medicaid” means the Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.); and

“Primary care provider” includes, but is not limited to, a primary care professional medical practice, a federally qualified or community health center, and a primary care outpatient clinic operated by a general hospital.

C.30:4D-17.34 Annual evaluation.

2. The Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services shall evaluate the demonstration project annually to assess: whether cost savings are achieved through implementation of the medical home project; the rates of health screening; and the outcomes and hospitalization rates for persons with chronic illnesses, and the hospitalization and readmission rates for the frail elderly.

C.30:4D-17.35 Application for plan amendments, waivers.

3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act and to secure federal financial participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program.

C.30:4D-17.36 Annual report.

4. The Commissioner of Human Services shall report annually to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the findings and recommendations of the demonstration project.

C.30:4D-17.37 Rules, regulations.

5. The Commissioner of Human Services shall, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt such rules and regulations as the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

6. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment and shall expire three years after the effective date, but the Commissioner of Human Services may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved September 10, 2010.