

PUBLIC NOTICE

South Dakota Medicaid Program

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Social Services intends to submit an 1115 Demonstration Waiver (“waiver”) to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) to continue to provide Medicaid coverage for youth who aged out of foster care in a different state and now reside in South Dakota. This group is currently covered under the Medicaid state plan. CMS has provided guidance indicating that states should use 1115 Demonstration Waiver authority to cover these individuals. The department previously issued public notice on August 28, 2017 and is reissuing notice with an estimate of expenditures.

To be eligible for Medicaid coverage under the waiver an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the United States, or have a non-citizen status that qualifies for federally funded Medicaid;
- Be a South Dakota resident;
- Are under the age of 26;
- Are not otherwise mandatorily eligible for coverage under the state plan;
- Were in foster care under the responsibility of another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under another state’s state plan or 1115 demonstration when they turned 18 or at the time of aging out of the state’s foster care program; and
- Have an income less than 182% of the Federal Poverty Level.

South Dakota has provided Medicaid coverage for youth who aged out of foster care in a different state and now reside in South Dakota since January 1, 2014. From January 1, 2014 to July 7, 2017 eight individuals have had Medicaid coverage through this eligibility group and total expenditures for this group were approximately \$12,900. As of July 7, 2017 three individuals were covered through this eligibility group. The state anticipates there will be an average of three individuals covered under this eligibility group each year of the demonstration at a projected cost of \$15,000 per year.

Youths eligible for coverage under the waiver will continue to have the same benefit coverage, cost sharing, and delivery system as those with full coverage under the Medicaid state plan. The goal and objective of the waiver is to continue to provide Medicaid coverage to youth who aged out of foster care in a different state, now reside in South Dakota, and meet all of the eligibility criteria. The state will conduct analysis on no less than an annual basis to determine the number of individual with Medicaid coverage under this waiver. This analysis will allow the state test its hypothesis that the waiver will maintain access to Medicaid coverage for former foster care youth that meet the eligibility criteria. The waiver application requests 1115(a)(2) expenditure authority to cover former foster care youth. The non-federal share of expenditures for this eligibility group will continue to be financed through state general funds.

During the original public notice period two public hearings were conducted at the following times and locations:

August 29, 2017
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM CST
Kneip Building
Kneip 1 Conference Room
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

September 1, 2017
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM CST
DSS Sioux Falls Office
Pasque Conference Room
811 E. 10th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-1650

Commenters were allowed to appear telephonically at these hearings. No comments were received during the hearings or during the original public notice period.

A copy of the proposed waiver is available on the Department's website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/medicaidstateplan.aspx>. Comments may be emailed to Matthew.Ballard@state.sd.us. Written requests for a copy of the waiver, and corresponding comments, may also be sent to:

DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
700 GOVERNORS DRIVE
PIERRE, SD 57501-2291

The comment period ends January 12, 2018. All comments should be submitted before or on this date.