



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is advertising the following proposed amendment to Rhode Island's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Opioid Treatment Programs Health Home

EOHHS, in coordination with Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, is providing public notice of our intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan with regard to Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) Health Home (HH) services. This amendment proposes the following changes, effective July 1, 2016:

- Bring OTP HH services into Managed Care
- Increase OTP HH rates for Rite Care members from \$52.52/week to \$53.50/week
- Decrease OTP HH rates for non-Rite Care members from \$87.52/week to \$53.50/week
- Create Centers of Excellence at OTP HHs.

OTP HH services are currently available to eligible Medicaid members through Fee-for-Service. Our proposal seeks to bring OTP HH services into Managed Care in order to foster improved coordination of care, to increase efforts in identifying individuals who would benefit from this service, and foster collaboration between providers and the Managed Care Organizations. This proposal also seeks to set one rate for OTP HH services, regardless of the member's line of business. The proposed rate accounts for only OTP HH services, does not include the cost of medications and is based on the past utilization of OTP HH services across all lines of business.

A key strategy in the Governor's Overdose Strategic Plan is the development of Centers of Excellence (COEs). This is a strategic plan whose goal is to complement existing overdose prevention efforts to achieve the most immediate impact on addiction and overdose. Although methadone availability is widespread in Rhode Island, buprenorphine is not. The COE is an opportunity to dramatically increase buprenorphine prescribing, in addition to continuing to expand methadone and injectable-naltrexone availability. OTP HHs will have the opportunity to apply to become COEs. COEs will provide comprehensive evaluation, including mental health evaluation and treatment or referral, induction and stabilization services, as well as support to providers in the community. It is envisioned that COEs would refer stabilized patients to other providers and receive back patients if they destabilize and require more intensive services.

These changes are projected to result in an increase in annual expenditure of approximately \$1.9 million.

In response to a request for a public hearing, notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Secretary will hold a public hearing on the above mentioned matter on **Friday, August 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard.

The public hearing will be convened as follows:

Friday, August 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Arnold Conference Center, Eleanor Slater Hospital
John O. Pastore Complex, 111 Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401) 462-1575 or RI Relay, dial 711. Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments **by Friday, August 19, 2016** to: Melody Lawrence, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Hazard Building, 74 West Road, Cranston, RI, 02920, or melody.lawrence@ohhs.ri.gov.

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Original signed by: _____

Elizabeth Roberts, Secretary

Signed this 13th day of July 2016