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**PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

Subject: State Plan Amendment (Alternative Benefit Plan) for the Medicaid Expansion Population

Add'l info:

Pursuant to 42 CFR §440.386, notice is hereby given that the Maryland Department of Health (the Department) intends to seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of a State Plan Amendment to amend the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) authorized under Section 1937 of the Social Security Act for individuals 19 to 64 years who are eligible for Medicaid pursuant to §1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, the adult expansion population.

The Department is updating the State's approved ABP to align with the authorized Maryland Medicaid State Plan, and will provide the same amount, scope and duration of the benefits therein, with the exception of habilitative services. The ABP coverage will be updated to include newly covered services as well as updates to existing services authorized in Maryland's Medicaid State Plan. This includes:

- Adult Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants
- Community First Choice
- Community Violence Prevention services
- Doula Services
- Home Visiting Services
- Home and Community Based Services
- Lead Paint Risk Assessor
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Mobile Crisis Intervention
- Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center Services
- Pharmacy billing for Medication Therapy Management
- Substance Use Disorder Certified Peer Support Services
- Targeted Case Management Services: Care Coordination for Children & Youth
- Routine Patient Costs for Qualifying Clinical Trials
- School Based Services

- Targeted Case Management Services For People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities on DDA Waiting List

The proposed ABP submission is available here:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Alternative-Benefit-Plan.aspx>.

Full details of the current ABP, including the covered services, limitations and pre-authorization requirements are available in Attachment 3.1L of the Maryland Medicaid State Plan:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Maryland-Medicaid-State-Plan-.aspx>.

The proposed amendment complies with the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Additionally, the ABP will continue to include the full range of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program benefits for individuals under the age of 21 years. Please refer to the Maryland Healthy Kids Program at

<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/epsdt/Pages/Home.aspx> for more details on the EPSDT benefits available.

The State's 21-day public comment period will be open from December 26th, 2025, through January 16th, 2025. Comments regarding the Department's proposed State Plan Amendment to amend the ABP may be sent to the Maryland Department of Health, Planning Administration, 201 West Preston Street, Room 224, Baltimore, MD 21202 or emailed to

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