**Compliance Guide for New Regulations for Small Businesses**

* ***What does this regulation do?***

The purpose of this action is to implement a 3.5 percent rate increase in accordance with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 State budget, effective July 1, 2019. Additionally, this action increases the financial eligibility limit from 150 percent Federal Poverty Line (FPL) to 300 percent FPL, according to conditions set by CMS for the Department’s 1915(i) waiver renewal.

* ***Who is subject to the new regulation?***
  + 1915(i) providers
  + Maryland Children’s Health Program participants with family incomes between 150 and 300 percent FPL who are presently receiving 1915(i) services through State-only funds
* ***Why were the new regulations proposed?***

These regulations are being proposed to implement a 3.5 percent rate increase in accordance with the Fiscal year 2020 State budget. Additionally, this regulatory action is necessary to increase the financial eligibility limit from 150 percent to 300 percent FPL, according to conditions set by CMS for the Department’s 1915(i) waiver renewal.

* ***When are the regulations effective?***

The regulation will take effect 10 days after publication of Final Notice in the *Maryland Register.*

* ***Is funding available to implement new requirements established by the regulation?***

The 3.5 percent rate increase is included in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

* ***Are there other resources available for implementing the requirements of the regulation?***

N/A

* ***Is there assistance available to help understand the requirements of the regulation?***

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