



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PUERTO RICO MEDICAID PROGRAM

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Updated Public Notice for Puerto Rico Medicaid Program Removal of Copays for most Non-Rx Services for all Medicaid Populations

As 42 CFR 447.57(c) requires, the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) provides this public notice and opportunity to comment on proposed substantial changes to existing Medicaid cost-sharing requirements. This notice updates PRMP's previous notice regarding copay changes to clarify that PRMP is not removing the copay on non-emergency use of the emergency room.

The Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH), through the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP), has filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) an amendment to its State Plan to remove copays on all services other than prescription drugs and non-emergency use of the emergency room. The removal of copayments also applies to services provided under the Puerto Rico Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP), which is the plan that details the services available for individuals covered under the PRMP Medicaid Adult Expansion program.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services are provided in the PRMP ABP to those eligible individuals in the Medicaid Expansion program who are under age 21. There are currently no copays on services to individuals under 21. This will not change due to the State Plan Amendment (SPA).

PRMP has submitted the SPA and proposes to make the amendment effective on or after January 1, 2023. CMS review has been paused to allow PRMP to issue this updated notice. Eliminating copayments, other than prescription drugs and non-emergency use of the emergency room, depends on approval by CMS.

Any person or organization may file written comments on this amendment within thirty (30) calendar days of the publication of this Public Notice on the Medicaid Program website (www.medicaid.pr.gov).

Proposed changes are available for public access in PRMP regional offices.

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