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Public Notice for Tracking Aggregate Copays for all Medicaid Populations

As required by 42 CFR 447.57(c), the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) is providing this public notice and opportunity to comment on proposed changes to existing Medicaid cost sharing requirements.

The Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH), through the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP), will file with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) an amendment to its State Plan to describe the process to track individual copays to ensure that aggregate copays do not exceed 5% of household income. If individuals' approach or exceed this threshold, their status will be changed to become exempt from copays until their next eligibility redetermination. Excess copays will be reimbursed. This methodology will also be used for individuals eligible for the Puerto Rico Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP), which is the plan that applies to 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 the age of 21. This will not change as a result of the State Plan Amendment (SPA).

PRMP proposes to make the amendment effective on or after March 31, 2024. PRMP expects to submit the SPA to CMS by March 31, 2024. Implementing this process 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 (https://www.medicaid.pr.gov/).

a. Comments by mail:

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