

NOTICE OF MAINECARE 1115 WAIVER APPLICATION

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Pursuant to 42 CFR Part 431.408, notice is hereby given that the Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”) will host two public hearings on the DHHS 1115 waiver application that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”).

Hearing 1: Portland Public Hearing	Hearing 2: Augusta Public Hearing
Date: May 17, 2017	Date: May 18, 2017
Time: 9:00AM	Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Cross Insurance Arena 45 Spring Street Portland, Maine 04101	Location: Augusta Civic Center 76 Community Drive Augusta, Maine 04330
Conference Line: 1-877-455-0244	Conference Line: 1-877-455-0244
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This waiver seeks to implement the changes below. More information, including the proposed waiver application and the full public notice, can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/demonstration-waivers.shtml>.

- Require able-bodied adults to meet community engagement and work requirements. There are numerous ways to meet these requirements. Members who fail to meet the community engagement and work requirements will be disenrolled from MaineCare until compliance is achieved.
- Require able-bodied adults to pay monthly premiums. Premium payments will be tiered based on income brackets. Members who do not pay their premiums will be disenrolled from MaineCare until premiums are paid.
- Require all members to pay a \$20 co-payment for non-emergency use of the emergency department.
- Allow providers to charge MaineCare members for missed appointments.
- Apply a reasonable asset test to MaineCare eligibility determinations for members not otherwise subject to asset tests.
- Waive the prohibition of imposing a transfer penalty for the purchase of Medicaid-compliant annuities for long-term care coverage determinations and institute reasonable minimum payout periods for the annuitant.
- Cease to provide retroactive coverage for any person applying for MaineCare. Coverage would begin on the first day of the month in which an application is received.
- Eliminate the option for hospitals to make presumptive eligibility determinations.

The goals of this 1115 waiver are (1) to preserve limited financial resources for the State’s most needy individuals and ensure long-term fiscal sustainability; (2) to promote financial independence and transitions to employer sponsored or other commercial health insurance; (3) to encourage individual responsibility for one’s health and health care costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This notice also serves to open the 30-day public comment period, which closes at 11:59PM on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Comments and questions about the proposed 1115 waiver application can also be submitted online via:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/demonstration-waivers.shtml> or by email to:

Policy.DHHS@maine.gov or by mail to: Division of Policy/MaineCare Services, 242 State St. 11 State

House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0011. All comments must be received by 11:59PM on May 25, 2017.

The public may review the proposed waiver application at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine County. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are, call 1-800-452-1926.