

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

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

SERVICES INCLUDED: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 103, Chapter II, Rural Health Clinic Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Rural Health Clinics to provide an alternative payment methodology option that, effective January 1, 2020, is the same as the existing methodology except that rural health clinics may be reimbursed on the basis of 100% of the average of the reasonable costs of providing MaineCare-covered services during calendar years 2016 and 2017 as long as reimbursement is no less than reimbursement received under the prospective payment system described in Section 1902(bb) of the United States Social Security Act. Each rural health clinic must be given the option to be reimbursed under the methodology required by this section or under the existing prospective payment system methodology.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: All changes are pursuant to Maine PL 2019, ch. 530, *An Act To Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use with Adequate Funding and by Equalizing the Taxes on Tobacco Products and To Improve Public Health*

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL

AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates this change to cost \$1,259,001 in state expenditures and \$2,218,903 in federal expenditures FFY 2020 and \$1,682,842 in state expenditures and \$2,954,363 in federal expenditures in FFY 2021.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES:

The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.