

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

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

AFFECTED SERVICES: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 60, Chapter II, Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department plans to request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the following changes to Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) reimbursement:

- Updates reimbursement for certain DME items to align with current Medicare rural rates:
 - Items impacted are those which are required to be in alignment per the scope of the 21st Century Cures Act.
- Institutes reimbursement methodology for specially modified low protein foods for members with inborn errors of metabolism.
- Further defines reimbursement methodology for items that are not Medicare covered or are Medicare covered but not impacted by the 21st Century Cures Act.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: To comply with 42 C.F.R §440.70 and 42 U.S. C. §1396b

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: This rulemaking is estimated to save \$411,053 in SFY 2018, which includes \$146,581 in state dollars.

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.

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