

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 15, Chapters II and III, Chiropractic Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department plans to add coverage of certain evaluation and management codes for chiropractors, pursuant to Public Law 2017, ch. 421, An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Chiropractic Treatment. The Department is limiting the evaluation codes to 99201-99215 for the purpose of examining and diagnosing a spinal condition; reimbursement of these codes and services will be located on the Maine Physicians' fee schedule. Additionally, the Department is adopting changing the requirement of "subluxation" to "conditions" to align with Medicaid requirements.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: All changes are pursuant to Public Law 2017, ch. 421, An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Chiropractic Treatment.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates that this rulemaking will cost approximately \$84,351 in SFY 2019, which includes \$29,928 in state dollars and \$54,423 in federal dollars, and \$253,054 in SFY 2020, which includes \$89,784 in state dollars and \$163,270 in federal 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. 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.