

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES EXTENDERS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS



## **MEDICARE PROVISIONS**

### **EXTENSION OF THE WORK GEOGRAPHIC INDEX FLOOR UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

Payments under the Medicare physician fee schedule are adjusted geographically for three factors to reflect differences in the cost of resources needed to produce physician services: physician work, practice expense, and medical malpractice insurance. This section extends the application of the current floor for the work GPCI—which applies to localities for which the work GPCI is less than 1.0 – through May 22, 2020.

### **EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR QUALITY MEASURE ENDORSEMENT, INPUT AND SELECTION.**

Extends funding through May 22, 2020, for a contract with a consensus-based entity, such as the National Quality Forum (NQF), to support activities related to quality measurement and performance improvement in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

### **EXTENSION OF FUNDING OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.**

Extends funding through May 22, 2020, for State Health Insurance Assistance Programs, Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and the contract with the National Center for Benefits and Outreach and Enrollment. These programs support outreach, enrollment, and education activities for low-income Medicare beneficiaries seeking insurance coverage.

## **MEDICAID PROVISIONS**

### **EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

Extends the authorization of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic demonstration program through May 22, 2020. The demonstration allows eight states to deliver comprehensive mental and substance use disorder treatment to Medicaid beneficiaries at an enhanced provider rate.

### **DELAY OF DSH REDUCTIONS.**

Delays the reduction in the allotments for Medicaid disproportionate share hospitals (DSH) through May 22, 2020.

### **EXTENSION OF SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT PROTECTIONS.**

Extends protections through May 22, 2020, for spouses of Medicaid patients. These would allow the spouse to maintain a certain level of assets and income a Medicaid patient goes into a home and community-based services.

**EXTENSION OF THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON REBALANCING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

Extends the demonstration program through May 22, 2020, which provides states with enhanced FMAP for services and supports to help seniors and people with disabilities moving from institutions to a community-based setting.

**HUMAN SERVICES AND OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS**

**EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO ADDRESS HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE NEEDS.**

Extends funding for the HPOG demonstration through May 22, 2020. In fiscal year 2020, local HPOG grantees will enter the fifth year of demonstration grants which require them to use a career pathways approach to help disadvantaged workers enter health professions in need of workers. In addition to the grants, HPOG funding supports rigorous evaluation and technical assistance to grantees.

**EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM AND RELATED PROGRAMS.**

Extends funding for the TANF, the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) and related programs, including the TANF Contingency Fund through May 22, 2020.

**EXTENSION OF SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

Extends current funding through May 22, 2020 for the SRAE grant program, which provides resources to implement educational programs that educate adolescents on relationships, abstaining from sexual activity and resisting sexual coercion.

**EXTENSION OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

Extends current funding through May 22, 2020 for the PREP state grant program. Provides grants to fund evidence-based education programs that inform adolescents about the prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually-transmitted infections, among other topics.

**PUBLIC HEALTH PROVISIONS**

**EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, AND TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE GME PROGRAMS.**

Extends the Community Health Centers Fund and National Health Service Corps Fund through May 22, 2020. Additionally, it continues current funding for the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education through May 22, 2020. These programs improve our medical workforce by supporting the training of health providers in underserved areas.

**DIABETES PROGRAMS.**

Extends funding through May 22, 2020, for the Special Diabetes or Type 1 diabetes, and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, which supports diabetes treatment and prevention to the Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Programs.

