STATE OF RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

11/16/2021 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID STATE PLAN

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Provider and Driver Requirements

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan per requirements of Section 1902(a)(4) of the Social Security Act. This change would update the State Plan to attest that all minimum requirements outlined in section 1902(a)(87) of the Social Security Act are met by the State.

These changes are proposed to take effect on December 1, 2021. No fiscal impact is anticipated.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2598 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by December 16, 2021 to Katy Thomas, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or <u>Kathryn.Thomas@ohhs.ri.gov</u> or via phone at (401) 462-2598.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of this notice.

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Original Signed by: Womazetta Jones, Secretary, Signed this 15th day of November, 2021

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The state assures that all minimum requirements outlined in section 1902(a)(87) of the Act are met. Those requirements include the following:

(A) Each provider and individual driver is not excluded from participation in any federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f) of the Act) and is not listed on the exclusion list of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(B) Each such individual driver has a valid driver's license;

(C) Each such provider has in place a process to address any violation of a state drug law; and

(D) Each such provider has in place a process to disclose to the state Medicaid program the driving history, including any traffic violations, of each such individual driver employed by such provider, including any traffic violations.