STATE OF RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

12/30/2021 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:

Mandatory Coverage of Routine Patient Costs for Services in Connection with Participation in **Qualifying Clinical Trials**

EOHSS intends to submit a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) seeking CMS approval to update the Rhode Island Medicaid State Plan to comply with any necessary changes resulting from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA) requiring mandatory coverage of routine patient costs for services furnished in connection with participation by Medicaid beneficiaries in qualifying clinical trials on or after January 1, 2022.

The estimated fiscal impact of these changes is \$0. To the extent that the expected changes are modified as a result of the SPA submission and resulting negotiations with CMS or additional guidance from CMS, the state will update the notice accordingly.

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 January 31, 2022 to Katy Thomas, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Kathryn.Thomas@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2598.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-2.8, 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 30th day of December, 2021