

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Section 1115 SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program Waiver Amendment

Overview

The Department of Health Services (DHS) intends to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting an amendment of its section 1115 research and demonstration project waiver, known as the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program.

Through a section 1115 demonstration waiver amendment, Wisconsin seeks to expand the pharmacy benefits for individuals who qualify for SeniorCare to include vaccination coverage. In addition, by expanding access to vaccinations for the elderly, Wisconsin will continue to provide a needed health care benefit to low-income seniors.

This Wisconsin SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program waiver extends Medicaid eligibility through Title XIX to cover prescription drugs, including vaccinations, as a necessary primary health care benefit. The target population for services under the SeniorCare is seniors who are age 65 or older with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), which is \$25,520 for an individual and \$34,480 for a two-person family in 2020.

Public Comment

Providing information to and getting input from the public on changes is important to DHS as we prepare to submit the extension request. By law, you have the opportunity to review the official full public notice and waiver extension application and provide comments from September 23 through October 23, 2020. These documents will be available on the DHS:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm.

You may also provide comments through written or verbal statements made during public hearings (see below). Public comments will be included in the waiver amendment submitted to CMS and will be available on the DHS website at the address listed above.

Public Hearing

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Public comment at 2 p.m.

SeniorCare Advisory Committee

Held virtually via Zoom

https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QFhWLUHtS_g2j8vc4LU3tMw

or by calling 1-646-558-8656 (passcode 925 6599 8248)

Agendas for these meetings will be posted to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm.

Written Comments

Written comments on the proposed amendment are welcome and will be accepted September 23 through October 23, 2020. Send written comments to the Division of Medicaid Services at:

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Mail: Department of Health Services
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Madison, WI 53707-0309

Copies of Waiver Documents

On September 23, 2020, a copy of waiver amendment documents may be obtained from DHS at no charge by downloading the documents from www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm or by contacting Laura Brauer at:

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