

# **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 October 19 through November 2, 2020. These documents will be available on the DHS:

[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm](http://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**

Monday, November 2, 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/j/95357383743?pwd=bjREdm1nTU9YYXltRHFST1A5cnVuQT09>

Passcode: 315933

or by calling 1-301-715-8592 (Webinar ID: 953 5738 3743)

Agendas for these meetings will be posted to [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm).

### **Written Comments**

Written comments on the proposed amendment are welcome and will be accepted October 19 through November 2, 2020. Send written comments to the Division of Medicaid Services at:

Fax: 608-266-1096  
Email: DHSSeniorCare@dhs.wisconsin.gov  
Mail: Department of Health Services  
Attn: Tiffany Reilly  
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**Copies of Waiver Documents**

On October 19, 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](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/input.htm) or by contacting Laura Brauer at:

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