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OTHER NOTICES

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS THROUGH JUNE 1

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY (OHA) PROPOSAL TO THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) TO RENEW OREGON'S 1115 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER, THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN (OHP)

COMMENTS DUE: June 1, 2016

PROPOSAL: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is proposing to request approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Demonstration under Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for an additional five years, and to amend the OHP, as appropriate, in order to incorporate specific measures that will further transform and improve the health system delivery system for low-income Oregonians. The State will request approval of a five-year extension of the 1115 Demonstration (Waiver) beginning July 1, 2017 and continuing through June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND: During the current OHP approval period of July 5, 2012 through June 30, 2017 the Demonstration has helped transform Oregon's health care delivery system to one of coordinated care, with 16 coordinated care organizations (CCOs) now delivering the vast majority (90%) of physical, oral and behavioral health services to OHP members. This new system of health care delivery has led to better health, better care and lower per capita costs, saving the federal and state government over \$1.7 billion by the end of the current waiver in 2017. Due to the success to date, Oregon is in a position to take health system transformation to the next level.

THE REQUEST: Oregon will request approval from the federal government of all the State's existing waiver authorities in order to continue to implement and deliver coordinated care system services while slowing growth in costs, and will ask for new flexibilities to continue to build on the state's history of providing the most vulnerable residents with effective, efficient, evidence-based health care, and to meet the following key goals:

- I. Build on the transformation of Oregon's Medicaid delivery system with a stronger, expanded focus on integration of physical, behavioral, and oral health care through a performance driven system with the goal of improving health outcomes and continuing to bend the cost curve;
- II. Focus on the social determinants of health and health equity across all low-income, vulnerable Oregonians with the goal of improving population health outcomes;
- III. Commit to continuing to hold down costs through an integrated budget that grows at a sustainable rate and promotes improved value and outcomes, with a federal investment that is at risk for not meeting the target.
- IV. Establish supportive partnerships with CMS to expand the coordinated care model including innovative strategies for ensuring better outcomes for Medicaid and Medicare dual eligible members.

Copies of the draft request and additional information on the 1115 Demonstration waiver can be found at: www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/Pages/health-reform/cms-waiver.aspx.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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