

Department of Human Services

Health Care Administration

Request for Comments on the Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus Section 1115

Medicaid Waiver Renewal Request

DHS is announcing a 30-day comment period on the Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus (PMAP+) Section 1115 Medicaid waiver renewal request.

On December 30, 2014 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a temporary extension of Minnesota's Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus (PMAP+) Section 1115 waiver. The PMAP+ waiver provides federal authority for the following:

- Medical Assistance for groups not included in Minnesota's Medicaid state plan; specifically, children ages 12 through 23 months with incomes above 275 percent of poverty and at or below 283 percent of poverty, and parents and caretaker adults with incomes at or below 133 percent of poverty who assume responsibility for and live with an 18-year-old child who is not a full-time secondary school student;
- Full Medical Assistance benefits for pregnant women during the period of presumptive eligibility;
- Mandatory enrollment of certain groups into prepaid managed care; and
- Payments for graduate medical education costs through the MERC fund.

The current waiver ends December 31, 2015.

DHS invites public comment on the PMAP+ waiver renewal request. Comments received will be posted on the DHS website. A copy of the waiver renewal request can be found at http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/dhs16_171635. To request a paper copy of the waiver request, please contact Quitina Cook at (651) 431-2191.

Written comments may be submitted to the following email mailbox:

Section1115WaiverComments@state.mn.us or by mail to the address below. DHS would like to provide copies of comments received in a format that is accessible for people with disabilities. Therefore, we request that comments be submitted in Microsoft Word format or incorporated within the email text. If you would also like to provide a signed copy of the comment letter, you may submit a second copy in Adobe PDF format or mail it to the address below. Comments must be received by June 24, 2015.

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In addition to the opportunity to submit written comments during the 30-day public comment period, public hearings will be held to provide stakeholders and other interested persons the opportunity to comment on the waiver request. You may attend by phone or in person. If you would like to attend by phone, please send an email request to Section1115WaiverComments@state.mn.us to obtain the call-in information. If you would like to attend a hearing in person, the locations for the two public hearings are provided below. If you plan to testify by phone or in person, please send an email to Section1115WaiverComments@state.mn.us indicating that you will testify.

Public Hearing #1

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Department of Human Services, Elmer L. Andersen Human Services Building,
540 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101. Room 2223

(This hearing will be held in conjunction with the previously scheduled post-award public forum on the PMAP waiver)

Public Hearing #2

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155. Room 6146