

Public Notice

On July 15, 1997 New York State's Medicaid Managed care demonstration program "The Partnership Plan," was approved by the Federal government under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act. The demonstration requires mandatory enrollment of Medicaid beneficiaries in managed care plans and is designed to improve the health status of low income New Yorkers by: improving access to health services, providing enrollees with a medical home, improving the quality of service provided and expanding coverage to the uninsured with resources generated by managed care efficiencies. The Partnership Plan has resulted in a cost-effective program that has achieved these goals. Amendments to the waiver have expanded coverage through the implementation of the Family Health Plus (FHPlus) program and the Family Planning Expansion Program. On September 29, 2006, New York received approval from the Federal government to extend The Partnership Plan for an additional three years through September 30, 2009. Under the waiver, the State is required to seek Federal approval of any amendments. New York is seeking approval of an amendment to the waiver to provide twelve months of continuous eligibility for certain Medicaid and all Family Health Plus recipients. In addition, New York is seeking an amendment to the waiver to remove depreciated assets from the gross family income of a self-employed individual operating a farm for purposes of determining eligibility for the Family Health Plus program.

Additional information concerning the Partnership Plan and the proposed amendments can be obtained by writing to:

New York State Department of Health
Division of Coverage and Enrollment
Bureau of Medicaid and Family Health Plus Enrollment
One Commerce Plaza
Suite 826
Albany, NY 12260

Partnership Plan information is also available to the public on-line at www.health.state.ny.us or www.cms.hhs.gov. Written comments concerning the amendment will be accepted at the above address for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.