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### Changes to the Medicaid program after the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE), which granted the State temporary flexibilities to increase access to NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid coverage and services. The PHE will end on May 11, 2023 and some flexibilities will no longer be in place. The following changes will be taking effect:

#### **Prior Authorization:**

- **NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) will require prior authorization for any Medicaid fee-for-service care that required Prior Authorization before the PHE.**
  - Authorizations given before the PHE will no longer be extended, and will be allowed to expire. When this happens, providers may request a new authorization on behalf of the member if needed. Pre-PHE rules for Prior Authorizations will once again be in effect.

#### **Personal Care Services Provided by Family Members:**

- **NJ FamilyCare will no longer allow family members or legal guardians to provide Personal Care Services, such as those provided by a Personal Care Assistant.**
  - Members receiving Personal Care Services through a family member or legal guardian under PHE allowances have been contacted by their Managed Care Organization to help locate an in-network provider.

#### **Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Requirement:**

- **NJ FamilyCare will no longer allow services to be provided in the community which do not comply with HCBS settings rules.**
  - Members were temporarily allowed to receive HCBS services outside of normal community based settings under the following programs:
    - Children's System of Care (CSOC)
    - Community Care Program (CCP)
    - Supports Program (SP)
    - Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)

The State remains committed to ensuring all members have access to continued health care coverage and resources. For additional information about the Public Health Emergency Flexibility Termination, please visit <https://www.njmmis.com/downloadDocuments/33-10.pdf>. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Division of Medical Assistance, Office of Policy at (609) 588-2600.

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