To whom it may concern:

The New Jersey Department of Human Services and its Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services intends to propose amendments to the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program’s Independent Clinic Services Manual, at N.J.A.C. 10:66.

This notice also provides you with an opportunity to submit informal comments regarding such anticipated amendments, by August 25, 2017

The proposed rules will memorialize DMAHS compliance with 42 CFR Part 416, Subpart F, §§ 416.160 – 416.179 – Coverage, Scope of ASC Services, and Prospective Payment System for ASC Services Furnished on or After January 1, 2008.

The proposed amendments will contain language clarifying the price setting methodology used by DMAHS to determine fee-for-service rates paid to Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC).  The most significant amendment eliminates the use of ASC Classification Groups to establish the rate of reimbursement for ASC facility services.  This rate covers the cost of facility services such as supplies, nursing services, equipment, etc., that are furnished in connection with covered surgical procedures performed in an ASC as provided in 42 CFR § 416.164. Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2008, the ASC facility services reimbursement is included in the ASC payment rate established under 42 CFR § 416.171 for each specific covered surgical procedure.

Please send any comments that you have regarding this advance notice of the upcoming proposed amendments to:

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You will also be given a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on any actual proposed amendments subsequent to a publication of such a proposal in the New Jersey Register. This office will notify you of the exact date of any such publication and the due date for submission of formal comments once any such dates are confirmed by the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law.

Thank you for your interest in the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.