

**LEGAL NOTICE****STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES  
Developmental, Individual Differences, and Relationship-based (DIR)  
Providers/Autism Benefit**

**TAKE NOTICE** the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan to expand the criteria for allowable providers of Developmental, Individual Differences, and Relationship-based (DIR) services to include DIR credentialed providers, with a minimum of a high school diploma, or the equivalent, who do not possess a license that allows assessment and treatment planning within their scope of practice. These providers must be supervised by a licensed, DIR credentialed clinician whose scope of practice allows for the provision of assessment and treatment planning services. The intent of this amendment is to expand access to services for eligible NJ FamilyCare members with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis by increasing provider enrollment and making DIR services more readily available state-wide.

DMAHS estimates the increased expenditures associated with this amendment for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 will be \$500 in total funds (\$250 State funds) and increased expenditures for SFY 2024 will be \$1,000 (\$500 State funds). This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal statutes and regulations, specifically 42 CFR §447.205.

A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department's website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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