

**PUBLIC NOTICE
(SPA #24-0029)**

Home and Community Based Services

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan for the purpose of increasing the reimbursement rates for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). These rate increases are intended to provide additional funding to HCBS providers to increase the wages of Direct Care Workers (DCWs) they employ, sustain provider participation within the Medicaid program, and support access to care statewide. The specific amount of the rate increases for HCBS providers are contingent on legislative appropriations to support them.

This amendment will become effective July 1, 2024.

The annual estimated State Fiscal Impact of this change is:

- a. **SFY 2025 \$ 180,000,000**
- b. **SFY 2026 \$ 180,000,000**

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below:

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