

10:49-9.3 Limitation on cost sharing—Plan C

(a) There shall be a family limit on cost-sharing equal to 5 percent of household income for Plan C beneficiaries.

(b) The cost-sharing limit shall be calculated annually starting with the date of initial enrollment of any children in the family or the annual reenrollment date. For ease of administration, the annual premium should be calculated by the Statewide eligibility determination agency and used to reduce the family cost from the first day of enrollment.

(c) Once the limits have been met, the Statewide eligibility determination agency shall issue a certification indicating that the Plan C member has met their cost share limit, and the provider shall not collect a personal contribution to care until further notice.

New Rule, R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.3, Free choice of beneficiary and provider, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.6.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

10:49-9.4 Civil rights

Federal regulations require that services provided to any Medicaid beneficiary shall be given without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or handicap. Therefore, payments shall be limited to providers of service who are in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Substituted "beneficiary" for "recipient".

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.1 by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.4, Confidentiality of records, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.7.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

10:49-9.5 Observance of religious belief

(a) Nothing in the Medicaid program shall be construed to require any beneficiary to undergo any medical screening, examination, diagnosis, or treatment, or to accept any other health care or services provided under the program for any purpose (other than for the purpose of discovering and preventing the spread of infection or contagious disease or for the purpose of protecting environmental health) if such person or his or her parent or guardian objects thereto on religious grounds, except as specified in (b) below.

(b) If a physical examination is necessary to establish eligibility based on disability or blindness, the Medicaid Program may not find an individual eligible for Medicaid unless he or she undergoes the examination.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

In (a), substituted "beneficiary" for "recipient".

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.2 by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.5, Provider certification and recordkeeping, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

10:49-9.6 Free choice by beneficiary and provider

(a) The concept of freedom of choice shall apply to both provider and beneficiary.

1. A Medicaid fee-for-service beneficiary shall be free to choose providers of service who meet program standards and who elect to participate in the Medicaid program. The Medicaid District Office shall assist any beneficiary in obtaining services if the beneficiary cannot locate a provider. Exception: See N.J.A.C. 10:49-14.2, Special Status programs.

2. A Medicaid provider who accepts a Medicaid beneficiary as a patient under the Medicaid program shall accept the program's policies and reimbursement for all covered services and/or items provided or delivered during that period when, by mutual agreement, the beneficiary is under the provider's care. In the provision of professional services, the provider shall be bound by the code of ethics governing his or her profession.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Amended section name; substituted “beneficiary” for “recipient” throughout; in (a)1, substituted “fee-for-service beneficiary” for “recipient”; and in (a)2, substituted “a Medicaid provider who accepts a Medicaid beneficiary as a patient under the Medicaid program” for “A provider who accepts a recipient for care”.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.3 by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998). See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.6, Patient’s (beneficiary) certification, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.9.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

10:49-9.7 Confidentiality of records

(a) All information concerning applicants and beneficiaries acquired under this program shall be confidential and shall not be released without the written consent of the individual or his or her authorized representative. If, because of an emergency situation, time does not permit obtaining consent before release, the program shall notify the individual, his or her family, or authorized representative, immediately after releasing the information.

(b) The restriction on the disclosure of information shall not preclude the release of statistical or summary data or information in which applicants or beneficiaries are not, and cannot be, identified; nor shall it preclude the exchange of information among providers furnishing services, Fiscal Agent of the program, and State or local government agencies, for purposes directly connected with administration of the program. Disclosure without the consent of the applicant or beneficiary shall be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the program in accordance with Federal and State law and regulations.

1. Purposes directly connected with the administration of the program shall include but are not limited to:

- i. Establishing eligibility;
- ii. Determining the amount of medical assistance;
- iii. Providing services for beneficiaries; and
- iv. Conducting or assisting an investigation, prosecution, or civil or criminal proceeding related to the administration of the program.

(c) The type of information about applicants and beneficiaries that shall be safeguarded by the program includes, but is not limited to:

1. Name and address;
2. Medical services provided;
3. Social and economic conditions or circumstances;
4. Program evaluations of personal information;
5. Medical data, including diagnosis and past history of disease or disability;
6. Any information received for verifying income eligibility and amount of medical assistance payments. In-

come information received from SSA or the Internal Revenue Service shall be safeguarded according to the requirements of the agency that furnished the data; and

7. Any information received in connection with the identification of legally liable third party resources as required under applicable Federal Regulations (42 C.F.R. 433.138).

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Substituted “beneficiary” and “beneficiaries” for “recipient” and “recipients” throughout.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.4 by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998). See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.7, Integrity of the Medicaid program; gifts/gratuities prohibited, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.10.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Case Notes

Disclosure of grand jury materials to government departments for use in civil proceedings requires strong showing of particularized need that outweighs public interest in grand jury secrecy. *State v. Doliner*, 96 N.J. 236, 475 A.2d 552 (1984).

Regulation cited as example of confidential record rule the invocation of which overrides the subpoena power of the Office of Administrative Law. *Hayes v. Gulli*, 175 N.J.Super. 294, 418 A.2d 295 (Ch.Div. 1980).

10:49-9.8 Provider certification and recordkeeping

(a) All program providers, except institutional, pharmaceutical, and transportation providers, shall be required to certify that the services billed on any claim were rendered by or under his or her supervision (as defined and permitted by program regulations); and all providers shall certify that the information furnished on the claim is true, accurate, and complete.

1. All claims for covered services must be personally signed by the provider or by an authorized representative of the provider (for example, hospital, home health agency, independent clinic) unless the provider is approved for electronic media claims (EMC) submission by the Fiscal Agent. The provider must apply to the Fiscal Agent for EMC approval and sign an electronic billing certificate.

i. The following signature types are unacceptable:

- (1) Initials instead of signature;
- (2) Stamped signature; and
- (3) Automated (machine-generated) signature.

(b) Providers shall agree to the following:

1. To keep such records as are necessary to disclose fully the extent of services provided, and, as required by N.J.S.A. 30:4D-12(d), to retain individual patient records for a minimum period of five years from the date the service was rendered;

2. To furnish information for such services as the program may request;

3. That where such records do not document the extent of services billed, payment adjustments shall be necessary;

4. That the services billed on any claim and the amount charged therefore, are in accordance with the regulations of the New Jersey Medicaid and/or NJ KidCare programs;

5. That no part of the net amount payable under any claim has been paid, except that all available third party liability has been exhausted, in accordance with program regulations; and

6. That payment of such amount, after exhaustion of third party liability, will be accepted as payment in full without additional charge to the Medicaid or NJ KidCare beneficiary or to others on his behalf.

(c) When a Medicaid or NJ KidCare provider employs, contracts or subcontracts with a health care entity which is not an enrolled Medicaid or NJ KidCare provider, the services provided to Medicaid or NJ KidCare beneficiaries by that employee, contractor or subcontractor shall meet all the requirements of the Medicaid or NJ KidCare programs as defined at N.J.A.C. 10:49-5 and 6 and N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8(a) and (b), and the pertinent provider chapters of the New Jersey Administrative Code, which requirements include, but are not limited to, availability of services, range of services, quality of care, licensure, and completeness of documentation. Failure to do so may result in either or both of the following consequences:

1. The Division may recover from the enrolled Medicaid or NJ KidCare provider the Medicaid or NJ KidCare reimbursement paid by the Program to the provider for any service rendered by an employee or a contractor's or subcontractor's employee not meeting such requirements; and/or

2. The provider may be subject to any applicable civil or criminal sanctions and/or penalties.

(d) A Medicaid or NJ KidCare provider shall ensure that any individuals or entities employed by a contractor or subcontractor performing services for the provider, fully satisfy all applicable State, Federal, and any other licensure and certification requirements. This shall include, but not be limited to, any equipment and/or vehicles relating to services provided to Medicaid or NJ KidCare beneficiaries. Failure to assure that all such requirements are met may result in either or both consequences specified in (c)1 and 2 above.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

In (a), deleted "form" following "furnished on the claim"; in (b)1, inserted ", and, as required ... service was rendered"; and in (b)6, substituted "beneficiary" for "recipient".

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.5 and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

In (b), inserted references to NJ KidCare in 4 and 6. Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8, Fraud and abuse, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.11. Amended by R.1998 d.327, effective July 6, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 511(a), 30 N.J.R. 2486(a).

Added (c) and (d).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

10:49-9.9 Patient's (beneficiary) certification

(a) A beneficiary's certification, authorization to release information and payment request, shall, under ordinary circumstances, be signed after the services identified on the claim are provided and before a claim for payment is submitted by the provider. The beneficiary is:

1. Certifying that the service(s) covered by a claim has been received:

2. Requesting payment for those services made on his or her behalf; and

3. Authorizing any holder of medical or other information to release to the New Jersey Medicaid or NJ KidCare program or its authorized agents any information needed for this or a related claim.

(b) A provider who is submitting claims via an approved electronic media claims submission shall request a waiver to obtain the beneficiary or representative's certification on the standard Patient Certification (Form FD-197) which the provider shall keep on file for each service rendered and shall make available upon request to representatives of the New Jersey Medicaid and/or NJ KidCare program. Initials instead of a signature are unacceptable on the Patient Certification Form.

1. If a signed Patient Certification Form is not on file for each service, Medicaid and/or NJ KidCare reimbursement for the service shall be subject to recoupment.

(c) A provider who is submitting a hard-copy Medicaid or NJ KidCare claim shall, under ordinary circumstances, obtain the beneficiary's certification on the Medicaid or NJ KidCare hard-copy claim (appropriate to the provider), unless a waiver is requested to use the standard Patient Certification (Form FD-197, see Appendix, N.J.A.C. 10:49). A waiver application may be obtained from the fiscal agent.

(d) For certain providers, an individualized certification form, as indicated in the specific service chapter of the appropriate provider manual, may be used in place of the standard Patient Certification (Form FD-197).

(e) A Medicaid or NJ KidCare hard-copy claim or a Patient Certification Form shall be completed by a provider before it is presented to the beneficiary for signature. A Medicaid or NJ KidCare beneficiary may not sign a blank Medicaid or NJ KidCare hard-copy claim or a Patient Certification Form prior to receiving services or as a condition for receiving services.

(f) When the beneficiary's signature is unobtainable, the following procedures may be used:

1. An illiterate beneficiary may make his or her mark (x), and the mark shall be witnessed by another person who signs his or her name and address on the Patient Certification Form (FD-197) or on the Medicaid or NJ KidCare hard-copy claim.

2. If a beneficiary is physically or mentally incapable of signing, or is deceased, the form(s) may be signed on his or her behalf by:

- i. A parent;
- ii. A legal guardian;
- iii. A relation;
- iv. A friend;
- v. An individual provider;
- vi. A representative of an institution providing care or support;
- vii. A representative of a governmental agency providing assistance; or
- viii. An administrator or executor.

3. A brief explanation of the reason the beneficiary was not personally able to sign the form(s) and the relationship of the signee to the beneficiary shall be noted directly on the hard-copy claim or the Patient Certification Form (FD-197).

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Amended section name; substituted "beneficiary" and "beneficiary's" for "recipient" and "recipient's" throughout and deleted "form" following "claim" throughout.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.6 and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Inserted references to NJ KidCare throughout; deleted "Medicaid" following "standard" in (c) and (d), and deleted "Medicaid" preceding "hard-copy" in (f)3. Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.9, Informing individuals of their rights, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.12.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Case Notes

Recoupment of claims made for prescriptions warranted. *Plains Pharmacy, Inc. v. DMAHS*, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (DMA) 121.

10:49-9.10 Withholding of provider payments

(a) When the Division, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 455.23, receives reliable evidence of fraud or willful misrepresentation by a provider, including an HMO, as well as a practitioner or entity participating in an HMO's network (whether or not the HMO practitioner or entity is also enrolled as a Medicaid or NJ KidCare provider), the Medicaid Agent or the Division shall withhold Program payments, in whole or in part, upon approval by the Division Director

or the Assistant Director, Office of Program Integrity Administration, or their designee. Further, a practitioner or entity participating in an HMO's network subject to a withholding action under this section shall have any payments for services rendered to Medicaid and NJ KidCare beneficiaries withheld by the HMO.

(b) "Reliable evidence" shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Receipt of information from a Division unit or from the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Banking and Insurance or a law enforcement, investigatory, or prosecutorial agency that indicates fraud or willful misrepresentation has occurred or is occurring;

2. Information from any other local, county, State or Federal agency indicating fraud or willful misrepresentation has occurred or is occurring; or

3. Indications that a violation of those subsections of N.J.A.C. 10:49-11.1 that pertain to fraud or willful misrepresentation may have occurred or is occurring, including, but not necessarily limited to, overutilization or misutilization; any unexplained increase in the number of claims rejected by the claims processing system; or any other reliable grounds to believe that fraud or willful misrepresentation may have occurred or is occurring.

(c) Withholding may be total or partial, and if partial, may be predicated upon withholding by specific claim type, practitioner, procedure code, diagnosis, or other factors.

(d) The Division shall send notice of its withholding to the affected provider, practitioner or entity within five days of taking such action. The notice shall also be sent to all participating HMOs to enable them to identify if the affected provider, practitioner or entity is also part of their network. The HMOs shall be required to implement the provisions of this section within their network. The notice shall set forth the general allegations as to the nature of the withholding action, but need not disclose specific information concerning any ongoing civil or criminal investigation. The notice shall:

1. State that payments are being withheld in accordance with this regulation and with 42 C.F.R. 455.23;

2. State that withholding is for a period initially not to exceed six months, after which the withholding action shall be reviewed to determine if an additional period of withholding is warranted. Withholding shall be terminated when the Division determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud or willful misrepresentation, or legal proceedings relating to the fraud or willful misrepresentation are completed;

3. Specify, when appropriate, to which type or types of claims withholding is effective;

4. Inform the provider, practitioner or entity of the right to submit written evidence for consideration by the Medicaid Agent or the Division; and

5. Set forth the provider's, practitioner's or entity's right to an administrative hearing within 20 days of the provider's receipt of the withholding notice, consistent with N.J.A.C. 10:49-10.3.

(e) Regular, periodic meetings shall be held to review all parties from whom payments are being withheld under this section. Also, in a case involving any party against which withholding is being imposed, where circumstances indicate that the reason for the withholding may no longer exist, said case shall be brought before a committee to be comprised of staff of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, or their designees, for consideration of cessation of withholding of payment, upon the request of any of the specified officials.

New Rule, R.1999 d.294, effective September 7, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2808(a), 31 N.J.R. 2635(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.10, Integrity of the Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs; gifts/gratuities prohibited, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.11.

10:49-9.11 Integrity of the Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs; gifts/gratuities prohibited

The New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs, in order to maintain the integrity of the programs, strictly prohibit their employees from accepting gifts or gratuities of any kind and of any value from individuals, representatives of provider organizations or institutions who provide services and are reimbursed through the programs. This includes the prohibition of offers of special employment, consultation fees and all other gratuities by a provider, individual or facility.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.7 and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Inserted a reference to NJ KidCare programs. Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.10, Provisions for appeals; fair hearings, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.13.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.10 by R.1999 d.294, effective September 7, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2808(a), 31 N.J.R. 2635(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.11, Fraud and abuse, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.12.

10:49-9.12 Fraud and abuse

The New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs shall employ methods to identify situations in which a question of fraud and/or abuse in the program may exist. The Division shall refer to law enforcement officials situations in which there is valid reason to suspect that fraud has or may have been committed.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8 and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Inserted a reference to NJ KidCare programs.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.11 by R.1999 d.294, effective September 7, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2808(a), 31 N.J.R. 2635(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.12, Informing individuals of their rights, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.13.

10:49-9.13 Informing individuals of their rights

(a) All Medicaid and NJ KidCare-Plan A claimants shall be informed of the following, in writing, at the time of application and at the time of any action affecting their claim:

1. Of their right to a fair hearing;
2. Of the method by which they may obtain a hearing;
3. That they may be represented by legal counsel or by a relative, friend, or other spokesperson, or they may represent themselves; and
4. Of legal services within the community from which they may receive legal aid.

(b) NJ KidCare-Plan B, C and D enrollees are entitled to use the grievance procedure established by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services or the administrative law hearing process established at N.J.A.C. 10:79-6.5 and 6.6, as appropriate.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.9 and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

In (a), inserted "Medicaid and NJ KidCare-Plan A" following "All"; and added (b).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 with changes, effective September 21, 1998.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.12 by R.1999 d.294, effective September 7, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2808(a), 31 N.J.R. 2635(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.13, Provisions for appeals; fair hearings, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.14.

Amended by R.1999 d.211, effective July 6, 1999 (operative August 1, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 998(a), 31 N.J.R. 1806(a), 31 N.J.R. 2879(b).

10:49-9.14 Provisions for appeals; fair hearings

(a) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:49-10, Fair Hearings, providers, Medicaid beneficiaries and NJ KidCare-Plan A beneficiaries shall have the right to file for fair hearings.

(b) A provider may be granted a hearing because of the denial of a prior authorization request or issues involving the provider's status; for example, termination, debarment, suspension, and so forth, as described in N.J.A.C. 10:49-11.1, or issues arising out of the claims payment process.

(c) A Medicaid or NJ KidCare Plan A beneficiary may be granted an administrative law hearing because his or her claim for medical assistance is denied or is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, or because the beneficiary is aggrieved by any other agency action resulting in non-eligibility, denial, termination, reduction or suspension of such assistance. A NJ KidCare-Plan B, C and D beneficiary shall have the right to request an administrative law hearing only if they have been terminated by the program for good cause for fraud or abuse activities.

(d) In order to obtain a fair hearing, the provider or the beneficiary shall submit a request in writing to the Medicaid Agent at the address as specified in the notice.

(e) Any nursing facility whose certification or Medicaid Provider Agreement is denied, terminated, or not renewed, may request a hearing in accordance with the appeals procedure described in the Nursing Facilities Services chapter.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Substituted "beneficiary" and "beneficiaries" for "recipient" and "recipients" throughout; in (d), changed place to send hearing requests; and in (c), substituted "chapter" for "Manual".

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.10 and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

Rewrote (a) and (c).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 with changes, effective September 21, 1998.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.13 by R.1999 d.294, effective September 7, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2808(a), 31 N.J.R. 2635(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.211, effective July 6, 1999 (operative August 1, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 998(a), 31 N.J.R. 1806(a), 31 N.J.R. 2879(b).

SUBCHAPTER 10. NOTICES, APPEALS AND FAIR HEARINGS

10:49-10.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Applicant" means any person who has made application for purpose of becoming a "qualified applicant."

"Claimant," when used within these rules, means applicant, qualified applicant or beneficiary as defined in this section.

"Notice" means an announcement of a policy decision by the Title XIX or Title XXI agency that may adversely affect the Medicaid or NJ KidCare-Plan A beneficiary.

"Qualified applicant" means any person who is determined to be eligible to receive benefits in accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1 et seq. and amendments thereto.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

Amended "Claimant" and "Notice"; and deleted "Department", "Provider", and "Recipient".

Amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

In "Notice", inserted references to Title XXI agencies and to NJ KidCare-Plan A beneficiaries.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Case Notes

Indictment and subsequent conviction of provider for Medicaid fraud provided good cause for suspension of license and eventual debarment. Division of Medical Assistance v. A & H Medical, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (DMA) 43.

10:49-10.2 Notices

(a) The New Jersey Medicaid or NJ KidCare program may print a notice of prospective policy changes affecting Medicaid or NJ KidCare beneficiaries or providers generally in one or more newspapers in New Jersey.

1. This public notice will be accompanied by a proposed rulemaking on the subject of the notice in the New Jersey Register.

2. The public notice may precede or be subsequent to the Register publication.

3. The Department of Human Services, or the Department of Health and Senior Services where authorized by Reorganization Plan No. 001-1996, may proceed to adopt the regulatory changes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4 without providing further notice.

Amended by R.1997 d.354, effective September 2, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2512(a), 29 N.J.R. 3856(a).

In (a), substituted "New Jersey Medicaid program" for "Department/Division" and "beneficiaries or providers" for "recipients"; and in (a)3, inserted reference to Department of Health and Senior Services.

Amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a).

In (a), inserted references to NJ KidCare in the introductory paragraph.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1060(a), 30 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.