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**Subject: Expansion of covered behavioral health benefits**

Dear Provider:

The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is expanding covered behavioral health benefits available to certain members enrolled in managed care organizations participating in NJ FamilyCare, including Amerigroup Community Care.

**What's changing?**

DMAHS will expand behavioral health benefits effective July 1, 2018. Below are some highlights of this expansion.

**Mental health coverage:** Behavioral health coverage for members enrolled in MLTSS, Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (FIDE SNP) and Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will be realigned with the July 2018 *Managed Care Contract*. Effective July 1, 2018, Amerigroup will provide the currently covered mental health services provided under MLTSS to members enrolled in MLTSS, FIDE SNP and DDD.

**Substance use disorder coverage:** Amerigroup will cover all substance use disorder (SUD) services including but not limited to hospital-based services, outpatient SUD services, intensive outpatient services, SUD partial care, SUD residential services, ambulatory withdrawal management services and medication assisted treatment for all members enrolled in MLTSS, FIDE SNP and DDD.

**Acute hospital coverage:** Amerigroup will cover all NJ FamilyCare member admissions to general acute care hospitals regardless of diagnosis. This includes admission to an acute care hospital or a stand-alone psychiatric hospital. If a member is admitted to an acute care hospital with a change of mental status and an extensive workup is performed that determines the change is secondary to a psychiatric disorder, Amerigroup will be responsible for covering the hospital admission. Once the member is determined to be stable and appropriate for discharge, Amerigroup will be responsible for connecting the beneficiary to providers for appropriate mental health follow-up care in an outpatient setting even if that outpatient service is covered by Fee-for-Service.

**Where can I find additional information regarding this behavioral health expansion?**

Additional information regarding this behavioral health expansion is available in the *DMAHS Newsletter*, Volume 28, No. 04, April 2018.

**What are the next steps?**

If you have questions about this notification, please call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 or contact your local Network Management representative.

Sincerely,

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