

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Statutory Authority: 31 Delaware Code, Section 512 (31 Del.C. §512)

PROPOSED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chronic Renal Disease Program

50300 Referral Process

In compliance with the State's Administrative Procedures Act (APA - Title 29, Chapter 101 of the **Delaware Code**) and under the authority of Title 31 of the **Delaware Code**, Chapter 5, Section 512, Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) / Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) is proposing to amend a rule in the Division of Social Services Manual (DSSM) used to determine eligibility for the Chronic Renal Disease Program.

Any person who wishes to make written suggestions, compilations of data, testimony, briefs or other written materials concerning the proposed new regulations must submit same to Sharon L. Summers, Policy and Program Development Unit, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, 1901 North DuPont Highway, P.O. Box 906, New Castle, Delaware 19720-0906 or by fax to (302) 255-4425 (new fax number) by July 31, 2007.

The action concerning the determination of whether to adopt the proposed regulation will be based upon the results of Department and Division staff analysis and the consideration of the comments and written materials filed by other interested persons.

Summary Of Proposed Change

Statutory Authority

Title 29, Chapter 79, Subchapter II, Sections 7932 - 7935, The Chronic Renal Diseases Program

Background

The Delaware Legislature established the Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP) effective 1970 by enacting Title 29, Chapter 79, Subchapter 11, Sections 7932-7935. The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to state residents diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). The CRDP is not federally funded. CRDP is 100% State funded. Since there are limited funds available, the CRDP should only be utilized as a program of last resort. All third party resources (Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's Benefits, and Private Insurance) must be considered before CRDP funds are utilized.

The mission of the CRDP is to "improve the quality of life for Delawareans with ESRD by promoting health and well-being, fostering self-sufficiency, and protecting a vulnerable population."

Summary of Proposed Change

DSSM 50300, Referral Process: The purpose of the proposed is to facilitate and ease the referral process for the Chronic Renal Disease Program. Referrals may come from many different sources; and, a completed application may also be received as the initial referral.

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DMMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS #07-32

REVISIONS:

50300 Referral Process

~~The CRDP can receive referrals~~ A referral for the Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP) may be received from

many sources. Client, family member, caretaker, physicians and/or other professionals may initiate the referral process by ~~ealling~~ contacting the CRDP office and requesting that an application be mailed or faxed. ~~Dieticians and dialysis social workers may begin the referral process by calling or by mailing/faxing a completed referral form to the CRDP office.~~ Completed applications may be returned to the office by mail or fax. Once the referral application has been received, the client or referral source will be contacted to set up an appointment to complete the CRDP ~~assessment~~ eligibility determination.

***Please Note: As the rest of the sections were not amended, they are not being published. A complete set of the rules and regulations for the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance is available at: <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title16/index.shtml#TopOfPage>**

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