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July 3, 2024

Priscilla Gatties
Medical Director
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
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RE: Upcoming Renewal of the 1915(b)(4) Waiver for Adult Mental Health Habilitation and Behavioral & Primary Healthcare Coordination Programs.

Dear Director Gatties:

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) intends to renew the 1915(b)(4) waiver for selective contracting of the Adult Mental Health Habilitation (AMHH) and Behavioral & Primary Healthcare Coordination (BPHC) programs. This waiver allows for selective contracting with Community Mental Health Centers to be the only providers of services for these programs. No substantive changes are being made to the waiver currently.

In addition to the waiver renewal, the OMPP is making available for comment an independent assessment of the waiver that was conducted by Wellbeing Informed by Science and Evidence (WISE) Indiana. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate the quality of care, access to care, and cost-effectiveness of the AMHH and BPHC programs. The waiver renewal will have an effective date of December 1, 2024.

The 1915(b)(4) renewal and independent assessment will be available for review and comment on the DMHA-Adult Draft Policies for Public Comment webpage (<https://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/Public-Comment>) on or before July 3, 2024. The 60-day comment period for the tribe will run from July 3, 2024, through September 1, 2024. Comments can be emailed to Madison.MayGruthusen@fssa.in.gov or mailed to the address below:

Family and Social Services Administration
Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning



Attention: Madison May-Gruthusen
402 W. Washington St., W374
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

Please see the enclosed documentation, which provides additional details on the proposed renewal and independent assessment. If you would like additional information or have any questions about the amendment, please contact Madison May-Gruthusen at Madison.MayGruthusen@fssa.in.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cora Steinmetz".

Cora Steinmetz
Medicaid Director

Enclosure

cc: Rebecca Richards, Chairman, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Renewal of 1915(b)(4) Waiver for Selective Contracting for Adult Mental Health Habilitation (AMHH) and Behavioral and Primary Healthcare Coordination (BPHC) Programs

Per public notice requirements established at 42 CFR 447.205, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) publishes this notice to renew the 1915(b)(4) waiver that allows for selective contracting of Community Mental Health Centers for the AMHH and BPHC programs. The public comment period will run from July 3rd, 2024 through August 2nd, 2024.

The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) – OMPP proposes to renew the 1915(b)(4) waiver for an additional five years. No substantive changes are being made to the waiver currently. In addition to the waiver renewal, the OMPP is making available for public comment an independent assessment of the waiver that was conducted by Wellbeing Informed by Science and Evidence (WISE) Indiana. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate the quality of care, access to care, and cost-effectiveness of the AMHH and BPHC programs. This waiver amendment will have an effective date of December 1, 2024.

A copy of this notice is now on file at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W451, and is open for public inspection. Also, a copy of this notice is now available and may be inspected by contacting the local county Division of Family Resources (DFR) office, except in Marion County, where public inspection may be made at 402 W. Washington Street, Room W374, Indianapolis, Indiana. Also, 1915(b)(4) waiver and independent assessment are available for review and public comment on the DMHA-A Draft Policies for Public Comment webpage (<https://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/Public-Comment>).

There will be no public hearing. Written comments may be directed to FSSA, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Attention: Madison May Gruthusen, 402 West Washington Street, Room W382, P.O. Box 7083, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083 or by email to spacomment@fssa.in.gov. Correspondence should be identified in the following manner: COMMENT RE: 1915(b)(4) waiver. Written comments will be made available for public inspection at the address herein of the OMPP.

Daniel Rusyniak, M.D.
Secretary
Family and Social Services Administration