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SUBJECT: Notice of Opportunity for Tribal Comment – Cardinal Care Managed Care Waiver Renewal

Dear Tribal Leader:

In accordance with Section 1902(A)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any waiver requests likely to have an effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) hereby seeks your advice on changes proposed to the following Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) waivers, including: the 1915(b) Medallion Managed Care Waiver and the 1915(b) Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus) Managed Care Waiver.

In accordance with the 2021 Appropriations Act, item 313.EE¹, DMAS will combine its two managed care programs under a single Managed Care Contract. It will also combine its existing 1915(b) managed care waivers (Medallion and CCC Plus) under a consolidated 1915(b) managed care waiver, named Cardinal Care Managed Care. Details for each of these waivers and related changes are shown in the attachment. DMAS is required to submit a renewal application for these waivers every five years for the continuation of these services, and the five year term for this application will commence upon CMS approval. Consolidating the two managed care waivers and contracts will enable DMAS to ensure better continuity of care for members, operate with improved administrative efficiency, and strengthen the focus on the diverse and evolving needs of the populations served

DMAS is providing a 60-day notice to Tribes that we are preparing for the submission of the changes to the above named waivers. DMAS will also be holding a 30-day public comment period, from February 28, 2022 through March 30, 2022. Full public notice and the proposed amendment application will be available for review and public comment on the DMAS website <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/providers/managed-care/medallion-40/> by no later than February 28, 2022. Additional information on these waivers is also available on the CMS website at: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/index.html?f%5B0%5D=waiver_state_facet%3A866#content.

DMAS invites Tribes, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations to submit comments or questions by March 30, 2022 to Emily McLellan, Policy, Regulation, and Member Engagement Division Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, by phone (804) 371-4300, or via email:

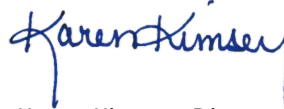
¹2021 Appropriations Act, Item 313.EE <https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/item/2021/2/HB1800/Enrolled/1/313/>

emily.mcclellan@dmas.virginia.gov. If you prefer regular mail you may send your comments or questions, post-marked by March 30, 2022, to:

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
Cardinal Care Managed Care Waiver Renewal, Tribal Comment
Attn: Emily McLellan, 600 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



Karen Kimsey, Director

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**ATTACHMENT A – CMS WAIVERS TO BE COMBINED AND RENAMED
CARDINAL CARE MANAGED CARE**

The following table highlights changes to the Virginia Medicaid CMS Waivers necessary to combine and form the 1915(b) Cardinal Care Managed Care Waiver.

CMS Waivers	Current Populations	Current Covered Services	Changes under the Cardinal Care Managed Care 1915(b) Waiver
1915(b) Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus) Managed Care Waiver	CCC Plus populations include individuals who are age 65 and over, or blind, or disabled, Medicaid Expansion adults with complex care needs, and individuals who receive long-term services and supports in a nursing facility or through one of the Department's home and community based services (HCBS) Waiver; also includes individuals who have Medicare and full Medicaid benefits.	Comprehensive medical and behavioral health services, and long term services and supports through a managed care delivery model	Will combine with the 1915(b) Medallion Waiver and be renamed as the 1915(b) Cardinal Care Managed Care Waiver.
1915(b) Medallion Managed Care Waiver	Medallion populations include primarily infants, children, adolescents, pregnant women, parents of Medicaid eligible children, and MAGI adults (Medicaid Expansion).	Comprehensive medical and behavioral health services through a managed care delivery model	Will combine with the 1915(b) CCC Plus Waiver and be renamed as the 1915(b) Cardinal Care Managed Care Waiver.