PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAID PROGRAM

STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 18-002

REGARDING

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS FOR CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT UNDER
ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLAN

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1396a(a)(13)(1997) and 42 C.F.R. §447.205, the Department of Health and Human Resources (“Department”), Bureau for Medical Services (“BMS”) provides notice of the filing of a state plan amendment (SPA), identified as SPA 18-002, regarding visits for alternative treatments for chronic pain under the alternative benefit plan. The SPA provides for 20 combined visits of physical therapy, occupational therapy, osteopathic manipulation, chiropractic services, or other non-surgical, non-prescription drug treatments related to a chronic pain management program, without need for a referral. This SPA is prompted by Senate Bill 273, enacted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in during the West Virginia 2018 Regular Legislative session. Specifically, see new code provision W. Va. Code 16-54-8.

This SPA will be made effective on June 7, 2018, or as soon as CMS approves the SPA, whichever occurs first. The expected fiscal impact for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 cannot be determined at this time.

The SPA and this notice will be available for public inspection in each county office of the Department of Health and Human Resources during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, June 6, 2018 through Friday, July 6, 2018, and on the web at: www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms, then click “Public Notices” on the top toolbar.

Written comments may be sent to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services, 350 Capitol Street, Suite 251, Charleston, WV 25301-3706, or by email at SPAComments@wv.gov. Any written comments received will be available for review at the above address during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, June 6, 2018 through Friday, July 6, 2018. Comments will also be posted on the BMS website page referenced above noted above for review as soon as possible.