STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §447.205, the Department of Human Services (DHS), Med-QUEST Division (MQD) hereby notifies the public that the MQD intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Under the provisions of federal law, the state is required to issue public notice of proposed changes to statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates.

On June 26, 2019, Governor David Y. Ige signed Act 155, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2019, also known as "Kal's Law", into law. In response to Act 155, SPA 21-0004, "Implement Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) Basic Eligibility Group" was developed to address the goal of Kal's Law to encourage individuals with disabilities to work without fear of losing Medicaid coverage.

SPA 21-0004, Ticket to Work, was submitted by the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 31, 2020, and approved on May 10, 2021, with an effective date of January 1, 2021. The SPA adds a MAGI-Excepted eligibility group to the State Plan under the authority of Section 201 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIIA: P.L. 106-170).

Hawaii is submitting SPA 25-0016 to update the "Ticket to Work Basic Reviewable Unit" currently approved in the Medicaid State Plan to remove the income and resource standards in Sections C and D of the reviewable unit. SPA 25-0016 is expected to have minimal impact on the annual aggregate expenditures for FFY 2026 and 2027.

The proposed changes will be submitted to the federal government for review as a Medicaid SPA.

A printed copy of the proposed changes and special accommodations (i.e., interpreter, large print, or taped materials) can be arranged if requested by contacting the Policy and Program Development Office at (808) 692-8058 no later than seven (7) working days before the comment period ends.

Comments should be received **within 30 days** of the time this notice is posted. Individuals may submit written comments using the following methods:

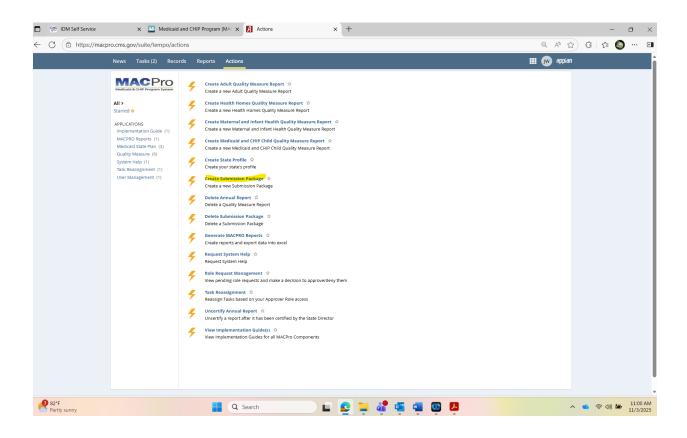
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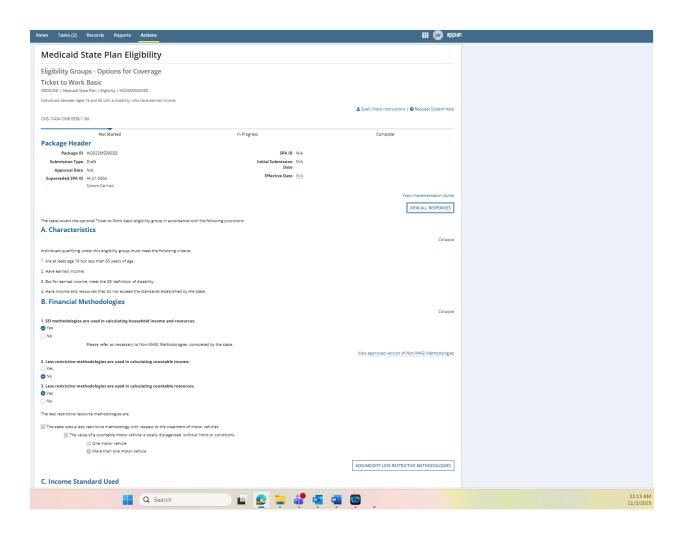
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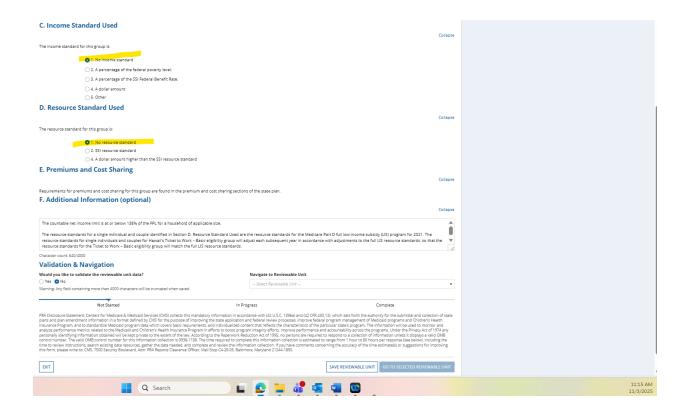
Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division Attention: Policy and Program Development Office P.O Box 700190 Kapolei, Hawaii 96709

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, MED-QUEST DIVISION JUDY MOHR PETERSON, PhD MED-QUEST DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

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Current Additional Information language listed in template.

The countable net income limit is at or below 138% of the FPL for a household of applicable size

The resource standards for a single individual and couple identified in Section D. Resource Standard Used are the resource standards for the Medicare Part D full low-income subsidy (LIS) program for 2021. The resource standards for single individuals and couples for Hawaii's Ticket to Work – Basic eligibility group will adjust each subsequent year in accordance with adjustments to the full LIS resource standards, so that the resource standards for the Ticket to Work – Basic eligibility group will match the full LIS resource standards.

