Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's New Section 1115(a) Medicaid Demonstration for Promoting Health Care Workforce Sustainability

ABBREVIATED PUBLIC NOTICE

The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) intends to submit to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services a proposal to implement a new Title XIX section 1115 demonstration that addresses workforce challenges within Medicaid through implementation of new workforce recruitment and retention programs that will increase access to necessary providers in medically underserved areas. The proposed new five-year demonstration will be called the "Florida Health Care Workforce Sustainability Section 1115 Demonstration" and is requesting federal matching funds to implement workforce training, certification, and loan repayment programs for certain qualified Florida health care practitioners are or will practice or operate in professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas and for health care facilities that provide clinical training to students in specified health care disciplines.

The Agency provides this notice in accordance with federal requirements to inform the public that we are providing a 45-day public comment period on the proposed new demonstration starting on December 11, 2024. The draft application proposal and more detailed information for submitting public comments will be available on that date at: https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/medicaid-policy-quality-and-operations/medicaid-policy-quality-and-operations/medicaid-policy-and-quality/medicaid-policy/federal-authorities/federal-waivers.

Hard copies of the proposed application can be obtained by contacting Kimberly Quinn at 850-412-4277 or by email at <u>Kimberly.Quinn@ahca.myflorida.com</u>. The Agency will hold two public hearings to solicit comments on the proposed demonstration as listed below:

Public Hearing 1:

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

The Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive Building 3, Conference Room A Tallahassee, FL 32308

Public Hearing 2: Friday, January 10, 2025 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Orlando Hurston Complex 400 W Robinson St North Tower N109, Conference Room 1 Orlando, FL 32801