

Public Notice

On July 15, 1997, New York State's Medicaid Managed care demonstration program, "The Partnership Plan", was approved by the Federal government under a waiver of Section 1115 of the Social Security Act. The demonstration requires mandatory enrollment of Medicaid beneficiaries in managed care plans and is designed to improve the health status of low income New Yorkers by: improving access to health services, providing enrollees with a medical home, improving the quality of services provided and expanding coverage to the uninsured with resources generated by managed care efficiencies. The Partnership Plan has resulted in a cost-effective program that has achieved significant progress in achieving these goals. On September 27, 2002, New York State received approval from the Federal government to extend the Partnership Plan for an additional three years, through March 31, 2006. In order to continue the significant progress towards achieving the Partnership Plan's goals, New York State is preparing a request for federal approval to extend the Partnership Plan for an additional three years.

Additional information concerning the Partnership Plan and the proposal for a three-year extension can be obtained by writing to:

New York State Department of Health
Office of Managed Care
Bureau of Program Planning
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower, Rm. 1927
Albany, New York 12237

Partnership Plan information is also available to the public on-line at www.health.state.ny.us or www.cms.hhs.gov. Written comments concerning extension of the program will be accepted at the above address for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.