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Call to Advocates: Help Strengthen Medicaid Managed Care for Older Adults

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released a proposal for a significant revision to Medicaid managed care regulations. The proposed regulations include provisions relating to long-term services and supports (LTSS) and many other issues of particular importance to older Medicaid beneficiaries.

The Issue: The CMS proposal includes important updates to the LTSS regulatory system and invites comment in key areas, such as appeals, network adequacy, enrollment, care continuity, beneficiary support and quality.

Your voice is needed: Your experience working with older adults and/or LTSS is an important voice for the comment process. While the proposal includes important improvements, there are key areas where additional specificity and changes are needed. Your voice is needed to strengthen the regulations.

Please submit comments. We have prepared a [sample comment letter](#) detailing suggested improvements to the regulations as they pertain to care and services for older adults. We're also attached a brief "[cheat sheet](#)" to relevant regulations for further background. Note that the sample includes a section at the beginning for you to personalize with information about you and your organization.

Please feel free to use all or any part of the sample comment letter. And feel free to modify or personalize language as you choose.

We know from experience that having many commenters makes a huge difference, even if comments are very brief. The final version of regulations is often very different from the initial proposed regulations, as CMS makes revisions in response to comments.

Comments are due Monday July 27 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern

Thank you for your help. Please feel free to share this request with other appropriate organizations.

HOW TO FILE COMMENTS (It's easy!)

- Go to www.regulations.gov

- Under "Search" type in: RIN: 0938-AS25. This will take you to the “Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Programs: Medicaid Managed Care” Proposed Rule.
 - Click "Comment Now!" in the upper right corner. You can 1) paste in or type a comment in the comment box or 2) upload a Word or PDF file.
 - Click "Submit."
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- Sample Comment Letter ([HYPERLINK](#))

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions or would like more information on the comments, please contact Justice in Aging at info@justiceinaging.org.