

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services Notice of Public Hearing

Improving Medicaid service benefits and delivery systems for individuals with Substance Use Disorders

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) are **postponing** the public hearings regarding future DMAS initiatives to improve Medicaid service benefits and delivery systems for individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), including ensuring that a sufficient continuum of care is available to effectively treat the physical, behavioral, and mental dimensions of SUD.

In order to have sufficient information to share with the public at the hearings, both the Richmond (October 29) and Abingdon (November 2) hearings are postponed. These will be rescheduled for December 2015 and January 2016. Be assured that DMAS and DBHDS continue to work on this initiative and efforts have not stopped. It is anticipated that by postponing the hearings, there will be more concrete information to share with the public so that comments and reactions can be more productive.

Once the hearings have been rescheduled, information will be disseminated through emails, the Townhall, DMAS and Magellan websites to ensure that the public is aware of the new dates.

Since these hearings have been postponed, DMAS will accept public comment to the SUD proposal through December 1, 2015.

To submit comments by electronic mail, send comments to:

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