

**PEURTO RICO DISASTER RELIEF SECTION 1115 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION  
FACT SHEET  
November 28, 2017**

**Name of Demonstration:** Puerto Rico Disaster Relief  
**Waiver Number:** 11-W-00310/2  
**Date Proposal Submitted:** November 10, 2017  
**Date Approved:** November 28, 2017  
**Date Expires:** January 18, 2018

**BACKGROUND**

On November 10, 2017, Puerto Rico submitted a request for the “Puerto Rico Disaster Relief demonstration.” This approval authorizes Puerto Rico to provide off-island medical coverage to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Transitional Shelter Assistance (TSA) Program who are temporarily relocated to the states of New York and Florida. Individuals eligible for the TSA program were evacuated to New York or Florida beginning November 13, 2017; therefore, the effective date of this demonstration is November 13, 2017.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The demonstration does not affect eligibility under the Puerto Rico Medicaid state plan. The demonstration provides off-island benefits to individuals as described below in the benefits section. All individuals must be determined eligible under the Puerto Rico Medicaid State plan. Individuals must also be eligible for the FEMA TSA program. The additional benefits are only available to Puerto Rico evacuees in the TSA program. The additional benefits are not available to individuals who have moved from Puerto Rico voluntarily.

**BENEFITS**

This demonstration project allows Puerto Rico to provide off-island medical care for Puerto Rico Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for the FEMA TSA program who are temporarily relocated to the states of New York or Florida. Individuals will receive the same benefits and services (determined medically necessary) as provided in the Puerto Rico Medicaid state plan. Individuals have been determined eligible for Medicaid under the Puerto Rico Medicaid state plan. The current Puerto Rico Medicaid state plan only provides coverage for emergency services off-island. Therefore, this demonstration is needed to allow Puerto Rico Medicaid beneficiaries in the FEMA TSA program to receive off-island medical coverage.

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