

Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group

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Janet Cruz, Interim Director
Bureau of Health Care Financing Administration-Medicaid Program
Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services
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Dear Administrator Cruz:

I am writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed your territory's Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Compliance Survey submission and determined, based on the information you provided, that Guam does not meet the requirements specified in section 1903(l) of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 12006(a) of the 21st Century Cures Act, for home health care services rendered in some or all applicable authorities available within your territory. The non-compliant programs include the following:

- Section 1905(a)(7) home health care services

The territory reported to CMS that it will be selecting a model and submitting an Advanced Planning Document (APD) to CMS by March 30, 2024. The territory anticipates achieving compliance by October 1, 2025.

Because your territory has not demonstrated that it complies with all EVV requirements as specified by the statute, CMS must apply federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) reductions to home health care service expenditures for the authorities and/or programs listed above, beginning in the first calendar quarter of 2024, consistent with the requirements of 1903(l)(1)(A) of the Act. For each quarter during which the territory is not compliant, FMAP will be reduced by 0.25 percentage points for calendar quarters in 2024, 0.5 percentage points for calendar quarters in 2025; by 0.75 percentage points for calendar quarters in 2026; and by 1 percentage point for calendar quarters in 2027 and each year thereafter.

Because FMAP reductions are assigned each quarter, you are encouraged to review your survey information on a quarterly basis and update your response when you achieve compliance in any or all authorities to ensure FMAP reductions are lifted in a timely manner. Should the territory deliver home health care services in any additional Medicaid authorities other than listed above at a point in the future the territory is also responsible for updating its compliance survey. I have included the territory's current EVV Compliance Survey submission with this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the CMS EVV mailbox at evv@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy, Director
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