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NEW MEDICAID CHANGES

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WHAT HOSPITALS NEED TO KNOW

01 JAN.

ANNOUNCED VIA DHHS PROVIDER BULLETIN

- New copays required for patients receiving certain Medicaid services.
- Cuts to mental health and substance use treatment reimbursement, along with changes to certain behavioral health services.

01 FEB.

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- Updated behavioral health service definitions for Medicaid and the Division of Behavioral Health.

01 JUL.

LIKELY REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- Across-the-board 3% provider rate cut, plus another 3% provider rate cut the following year.
- Changes to inpatient and outpatient hospital reimbursement that will further reduce payments for the care hospitals provide.
- Changes to specialty drug reimbursement that will create additional financial pressure on providers and patients receiving high-cost medications.
- New limits on adult dental coverage, capping Medicaid benefits at $2,000 annually.
- Changes to the 340B Community Benefit Program that could further threaten critical resources hospitals rely on to serve vulnerable patients.