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1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver

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Background and Overview

In response to the ongoing national opioid crisis, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has indicated a willingness to provide additional flexibilities to help states improve access to, and quality of SUD treatment through Medicaid 1115 Demonstrations.

The 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver option allows states to test coverage of a full SUD treatment service array in the context of overall SUD service delivery system transformation.

Nevada's Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) Transformation Project Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver was approved on December 29, 2022.



Reimbursable Levels of Care Under Waiver

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care that will be reimbursable within an IMD setting include:

- ASAM Level 3.1 - Clinically Managed Low-intensity Residential Services
- ASAM Level 3.2 - Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management
- ASAM Level 3.5 - Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services
- ASAM Level 3.7 - Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management
- ASAM Level 4.0 – Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services



Deliverables

SUD Implementation Plan and Health Information Technology Plan

- Approved May 24th, 2023

Monitoring Protocol and Quarterly Reporting

- Submitted June 12th, 2023, and under CMS review

Evaluation Design

- Due to CMS October 25, 2023
- Independent Mid-Point Assessment

Post Award Forums

- Due 6 months after Implementation Plan approval, estimated for mid-November 2023



Implementation Plan and timelines

Access to Critical Levels of Care for OUD and Other SUDs

- **Within 12-18 months:**
 - State Plan Amendment (SPA) – clearly define substance use treatment services
 - New Medicaid Service Manual Chapter for SUD treatment – MSM Chapter 4100
- **Within 24-36 months:**
 - State Plan Amendment (SPA) – redefine reimbursement for residential levels of care
 - Add Pharmacists as eligible providers for Medication-Assisted Treatment

Use of Evidence-based, SUD-specific Patient Placement Criteria

- **Within 6-12 months:**
 - Define prior authorization requirements for each reimbursable ASAM level of care
- **Within 12-18 months:**
 - State Plan Amendment (SPA) – clearly define substance use treatment services
 - Leverage the SUPPORT Act post planning demonstration grant activities to support growth in increased provider capacity at every ASAM level of care
- **Within 24-36 months:**
 - State Plan Amendment (SPA) – redefine reimbursement for residential levels of care
 - Develop process to collect quality measures from providers



Implementation plan and timelines cont.

Use of Nationally Recognized SUD-specific Program Standards to Set Provider Qualifications for Residential Treatment Facilities

- **Within 6 -12 months:**
 - Medicaid Management Information System enhancement to enroll substance use treatment providers that are licensed or certified as individual Medicaid providers and will be able to link to a substance use treatment provider agency
- **Within 12-18 months:**
 - Update Medicaid Service Manual policy to include requirement of offering all FDA-approved MAT on-site or facilitate access to off-site MAT.

Sufficient Provider Capacity at Critical Levels of care including for Medication-Assisted Treatment for OUD

- **Within 6 -12 months:**
 - Integrating Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services as a new service delivery for individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis.
 - Using SUPPORT Act data, provider surveys, and enrollment information, Nevada will identify specific counts of current providers performing and accepting new patients at all critical levels of care.
- **Within 12-24 months:**
 - Further develop and refine the SUD Data Book developed through the DHHS's Office of Analytics.
 - Refine data collection to collect specifics on individually enrolled substance use treatment providers available in Nevada once new Substance Use Treatment Provider Type and individual enrollment specialties are created and providers are enrolled.



Implementation plan and timelines cont.

Implementation of Comprehensive Treatment and Prevention Strategies to Address Opioid Abuse and OUD

- **Within 6 – throughout Demonstration Period:**
 - Nevada will continue work across the Department of Health and Human Services to support access, training, and awareness of coverage through increased provider communication through web announcements and monthly SUD treatment provider engagement meetings.
 - Evaluate data dashboard capabilities
- **Within 24-36 months:**
 - Increase access to naloxone by adding pharmacists as an approved prescriber

Improved Care Coordination and Transitions between Levels of Care

- **Within 12-24 months:**
 - Redefine discharge criteria specific for residential treatment providers consistent across Medicaid policy and Division of Public and Behavioral Health Division Criteria
 - Develop MSM and Division Criteria standards for coordination of care for co-occurring physical and mental health conditions for residential levels of care transitioning to outpatient levels of care.
- **Within 24-36 months:**
 - If provided legislative authority, integrate the collaborative care model within state plan and MSM
 - If provided budgetary authority, integrate new SUD-only target group within the targeted case management benefit to support case management activities for individuals transitioning between residential and outpatient SUD services



Next steps

MMIS
System
readiness for
billing in an
IMD for ages
22-64

1115 Fact
Sheet and
updating
[1115 SUD
webpage](#)

New
Provider
Type and
codes for
residential
services



Updated
MSM Ch. 400
with policy
to align with
Waiver

State Plan
Amendment
for coverage
and bundled
rate under
Medicaid

Transition to
Medicaid
billing



Questions?



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