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Agenda

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Specialty Pharmacy Drug Program - Overview

The SPDP is intended to serve NV Medicaid providers and recipients by delivering needed specialty drugs for treatment directly to the recipient's home or place of administration through various contracted specialty pharmacies.

- **What are specialty drugs?**

Specialty drugs are prescription medications that require special handling, administration or monitoring. These drugs treat complex and chronic conditions such as cancer, hemophilia and chronic kidney failure.





Specialty Pharmacy Drug Program - Overview

Who is impacted by the SPDP?



- The program applies to NV Medicaid recipients whose pharmacy services are covered under the Fee-For-Service (FFS) delivery system.
- The program does not apply to NV Medicaid recipients enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO), American Indians/Alaskan Natives, recipients residing in a nursing facility or ICF/MR and those whose specialty medications are covered by Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D, or a private health insurance.



Program Objectives



The SPDP will be implemented with the following set objectives:

- Improve the access to and compliance with the selected, specialty drug treatments.
- Provide a clinical support system designed to optimize therapy management, care coordination and patient compliance.
- Provide a clinically and administratively efficient Specialty Drug Program.
- Provide cost-effective services without compromising access and quality.





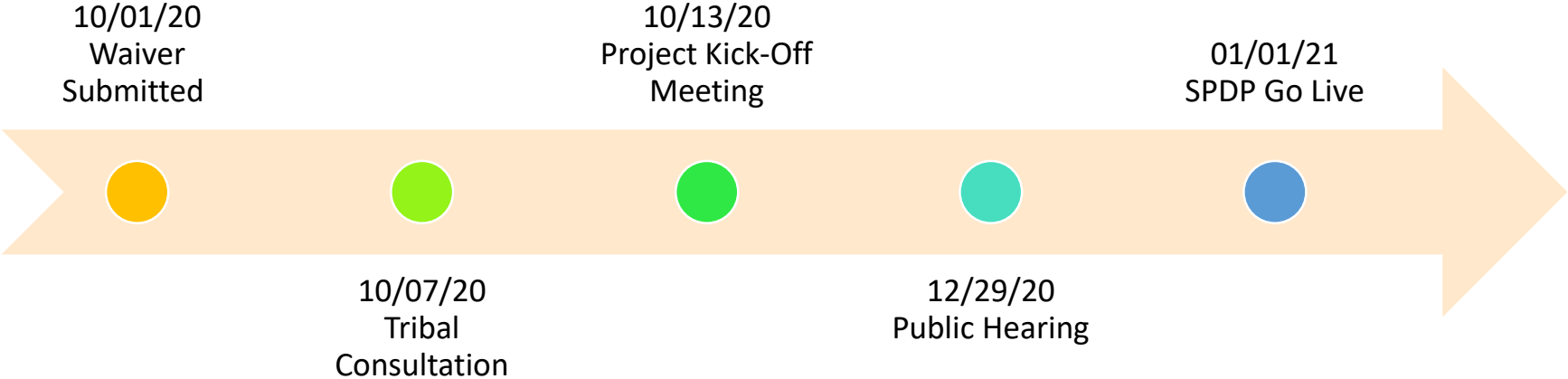
Implementation Requirements



- 1915(b)(4) Waiver Submission to CMS
- State Plan Amendment (SPA)
- MSM Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs policy addition
- Public Hearing
- CMS Approval (waiver and SPA)



Project Timeline





Next Steps



- Identification of Stakeholders
- Public Workshop
- Communication to Providers
 - Web Announcements
 - Update Medicaid Website
- Communication to Recipients
 - Letters
 - Resources
 - Care Coordinators



Questions





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