

Public Notice of Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Amendment Application
Nevada's Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) and
Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) Transformation Project

September 27, 2024

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has an approval for authority from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a five-year, Section 1115 Demonstration to expand statewide access to comprehensive behavioral health (BH) services for the most vulnerable Nevadans, including those with opioid use disorders (OUDs) and other substance use disorders (SUDs). Specifically, DHHS seeks authority to provide a limited demonstration waiver of the federal Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion (hereinafter referred to as the "Demonstration"). Nevada DHHS is seeking to amend the Demonstration to provide a limited demonstration waiver of the IMD exclusion for adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) and children with a Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) as well as provide housing and nutrition supports as health-related social need (HRSN) services to eligible members.

This demonstration is part of the State's broader efforts to ensure access to a comprehensive continuum of BH and HRSN services, in addition to the services in the SUD component of the demonstration. This demonstration waiver amendment will ensure comparable access to IMDs for Medicaid and CHIP enrollees with SMI/SED as well as SUD, regardless of delivery system. Currently, managed care organizations can provide up to 15 days of coverage as an in lieu of service for individuals with SMI residing in an IMD. However, individuals served via fee-for-service (FFS) do not have such access. This demonstration will provide coverage in an IMD for up to 30 days and eliminate the inconsistency between managed care and FFS coverage, to ensure comparability among delivery systems.

This Demonstration will further the objectives of Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act by improving access to high-quality, person-centered services that produce positive health outcomes for individuals with SUD, OUD, and SMI; and by advancing an innovative delivery system and payment models to strengthen provider network capacity and drive greater value for Medicaid. The Demonstration will not modify the State's current Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) outside of the benefits and reimbursement methodologies described within the application.

Public comments and Hearing Information

For additional detail on this demonstration, please attend the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) on October 11, 2024 or the second public hearing on October 29, 2024, and we invite public comment and review of the Demonstration application beginning September 27, 2024, when the application and public notice will be posted on the DHCFP website under 1115 waivers or go to: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/Waivers/1115/>, where you can also provide public comment. Public comments can be submitted to: 1115waivers@dhcfp.nv.gov through 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on October 29, 2024.

This notice and agenda have been posted online also at: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>, <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/Waivers/1115/> and <http://notice.nv.gov> as well as Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno central offices for DHCFP. Please see addresses for central office locations:

- 4070 Silver Sage Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701
- 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103, Elko, Nevada 89801
- 1210 S. Valley View, Suite 104, Las Vegas, Nevada

- 745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 200, Reno, Nevada 89509

Email notice has been made to such individuals as have requested notice of meetings (to request notifications, please contact at: 1115waivers@dncfp.nv.gov or in writing at: 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.)

If you require a physical copy of supporting material for the public meeting, please contact 1115waivers@dncfp.nv.gov or in writing at: 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Supporting material will also be posted online as referenced above.

Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public with a disability that wish to participate. If accommodated arrangements are necessary, notify DHCNP as soon as possible, and at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, by email at: 1115waivers@dncfp.nv.gov or in writing, at: 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.