

Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD 1115 Demonstration Waiver

Annual Public Forum

Background

- On December 2, 2022, CMS approved Louisiana's request to extend the Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD 1115 Demonstration Waiver. This approval is effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.
- This demonstration extension request will enable the state to continue to receive federal financial participation (FFP) for state plan services provided to otherwise eligible Medicaid beneficiaries who are primary receiving treatment and withdrawal management services for SUD while residing in IMDs for stays with duration longer than 15 days.

Demonstration Goals

- Increased rates of identification, initiation, and engagement in treatment;
- Increased adherence to and retention in treatment;
- Reductions in overdose deaths, particularly those due to opioids;
- Reduced utilization of emergency departments and inpatient hospital settings for treatment where the utilization is preventable or medically inappropriate through improved access to other continuum of care services;
- Fewer readmissions to the same or higher level of care where the readmission is preventable or medically inappropriate; and
- Improved access to care for physical health conditions among beneficiaries.

Demonstration Milestones

- Access to critical levels of care for OUD and other SUDs;
- Widespread use of evidence-based, SUD patient placement criteria;
- Use of nationally recognized, evidence-based, SUD program standards to set residential treatment provider qualifications;
- Sufficient provider capacity at each level of care including MAT;
- Implementation of comprehensive treatment and prevention strategies to address opioid abuse and OUD; and
- Improved care coordination and transitions between levels of care.

2024 Demonstration Activities

- April 2024, Version 5 Technical Specifications data rerun(DY4Q2-DY6Q3);
- April 24, 2024, Evaluation Design (DY6-10) approved;
- June 28, 2024, Draft Summative Evaluation Report (DY1-5) submitted to CMS, *pending approval; and*
- OBH workgroup created to begin exploring budget impacts and feasibility to transition to the 4th edition of the ASAM criteria, and how it may impact the Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD 1115 Demonstration Waiver.

Summative Evaluation DY 1-5(2018-2022)

Highlights

- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) use for Louisiana Medicaid members increased dramatically over the demonstration period. Approximately 8 percent of Medicaid members with an SUD had a claim for MAT in a given month in late 2017, but by the end of 2022, that share had increased to nearly 17 percent.
- Medicaid members averaged approximately 3 ED visits for SUD per 1,000 members in early 2019, but that number had fallen to 2 visits per 1,000 members by the end of 2022.
- Louisiana Medicaid has some of the highest treatment initiation and engagement rates in the country. For example, 2022 SUD initiation and engagement rates in Louisiana Medicaid were above the 95th and 90th NCQA QC percentiles, respectively.



Reentry 1115 Demonstration Waiver

- LDH is pursuing a Medicaid 1115 waiver to expand access to healthcare services and facilitate enrollment in Medicaid managed care before individuals are released from prison or jail.
- This “Reentry Demonstration” aims to facilitate transitions back into the community, particularly for those with mental health and substance use needs, to make sure individuals have the health coverage, medications, and connections with community-based providers upon release.

Reentry Demonstration Components:

- Carceral Facilities
- Eligible Individuals
- Pre-Release Timeframe
- Pre-Release Services

Reentry Demonstration Goals

- Increasing coverage, continuity of coverage, and appropriate service uptake for benefits in carceral settings prior to release;
- Improving access to services prior to release and improving transitions and continuity of care;
- Improving coordination and communication between correctional systems, Medicaid, and providers;
- Increasing additional investments in healthcare and related services to maximize successful reentry;
- Improving connections between carceral settings and community services to address physical health, behavioral health, and health-related social needs;
- Reducing all cause deaths in the near-term post release;
- Reducing overdose deaths within 12 months of release; and
- Reducing the number of emergency department visits and inpatient hospitalizations among those who were recently incarcerated.

Resources

- Healthy Louisiana Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder 1115 Demonstration Waiver Link:
 - <https://ldh.la.gov/SUD1115>
- Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Link:
 - <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/index.html>
- Reentry 1115 Demonstration Waiver
 - <https://ldh.la.gov/1115reentry>

Q&A



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