



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

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### **1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY7 Q1)**

This report contains a summary of activity on the 1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation project from January 2024 – March 2024.

#### **Project Activities**

During the period defined in this report, Tulane continued regular monthly meetings with its entire research team and quarterly meetings with LDH to ensure consistent project coordination. The research team continued their work on the three sub-analyses: Cost, Quantitative, and Qualitative.

#### **January**

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for January 9. The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion on issues with metrics data in the Summative Evaluation Report and plans for data analysis.
- Review of CMS comments on the draft Evaluation Design for DY6-10.
- Request for an updated Administrative Cost Report.
- LDH approved the data collection on qualitative analysis before the Evaluation Design was approved.

The January meeting of the Tulane research team was held on January 16. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of the work plan for the Summative Evaluation report.
- Request for reports, tables, and metric data from LDH.
- Discussion on actions for qualitative analysis before IRB approval.
- Discussion on the work plan for Evaluation Design revisions.

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for January 26. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of LDH comments on the first Summative Evaluation Report draft.
- Discussion on metrics discrepancies, limitations, and changes in the Summative Evaluation Report.
- Incorporation of CMS's proposed denominators, case study approach, and budget/timeline into the Evaluation Design draft.

## **February**

The February meeting of the Tulane research team was held on February 9. The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion on monthly data for IET & FUA measures, including plans to calculate using a new method and back-calculate prior years for reports due in years 6-10.
- Updated description of the TMSIS data control group.
- Notice/invitation to be sent to Local Governing Entities to gain participation in interviews for qualitative analysis.
- Addition of case studies to the IRB and amendment of the Tulane application.
- Discussion on the preparation of the Data Sharing Agreement.

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for February 23. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of Tulane's updates and LDH's feedback for the Evaluation Design draft.
- Discussion on seeking guidance from CMS to address specific sections while the Summative Evaluation is in process.
- The Summative Evaluation Report will be put on hold until the revised metric data is received.

## **March**

The March meeting of the Tulane research team was held on March 20. The following topics were discussed:

- Awaiting updated data from LDH.
- Discussion on reaching out to RESDAC for further guidance from CMS to understand the cost structure.
- Solicited support from LDH for facilitating qualitative interview participation. Awaiting response.
- Preparation of documentation for amendments to include case studies in the IRB protocol.
- Discussion on the process for obtaining Factual Letters and Letters of Support.

As of March 30, the following items have been received from LDH:

- Revised Summative Evaluation Work Plan
- Feedback for LA Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Eval Design

## **Status of analysis by topic – March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Quantitative Analyses (Lead Researcher: Dr. Kevin Callison): The Quantitative Analyses through 2022 were completed for all metrics, pending updated data from LDH. The results will be presented in the Summative Evaluation Report.

Cost Analyses Report (Lead Researcher: Dr. Charles Stoecker): The Cost Analyses through 2022 have been completed, pending updated data from LDH. The results will be presented in the Summative Evaluation Report.

Care Coordination (Lead researcher: Dr. Janna Wisniewski): The Care Coordination Analyses through 2022 have been completed and results will be presented in the Summative Evaluation Report.

**DELIVERABLE STATUS**

Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS. This is the first quarterly report being submitted for DY7.

Data reports: The analysis results for Demonstration Year 6 will be submitted by the September 30, 2024 deadline.

**USE OF FUNDS**

Funds have been used for this project to cover faculty and staff time to coordinate activity within Tulane and with LDH and to develop reports and associated deliverables.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark L. Diana". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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