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Dear Ms. Jacobs:

Thank you to you and your staff for your work on the monitoring protocol for the substance use disorder (SUD) component of the state's section 1115 demonstration, "FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration" (Project No. 11-W-00279/2). The SUD monitoring protocol submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 9, 2020 has been found to fulfill the requirements set forth in the Special Terms and Conditions (STC), specifically STC 42(b), and the State Medicaid Director Letter (SMD #17-003), "Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic."

The monitoring protocol is approved for the demonstration period through June 30, 2022 and is hereby incorporated into the demonstration STCs as Attachment O (see attached). Per 42 CFR 431.424(c), the approved SUD monitoring protocol may now be posted to your state's Medicaid website.

If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. Jack Nocito. Mr. Nocito is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and may be reached either by phone at 410-786-0199 or by email at Jack.Nocito@cms.hhs.gov.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the New Jersey FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michael Cutler, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

1. Title Page for the State’s SUD Demonstration or SUD Components of Broader Demonstration

The state should complete this Title Page as part of its SUD Monitoring Protocol. This form should be submitted as the title page for all Monitoring Reports. The content of this table should stay consistent over time.

State	<i>New Jersey</i>
Demonstration name	<i>New Jersey FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration</i>
Approval date for demonstration	<i>8/1/2017 through 6/30/2022</i>
Approval period for SUD	<i>10/31/2017 through 6/30/2022</i>
Approval date for SUD, if different from above	<i>10/31/2017</i>
Implementation date of SUD, if different from above	<i>7/1/2018, NJ SUD implementation date is the date the state began claiming federal financial participation for services provided to individuals in IMDs.</i>
SUD (or if broader demonstration, then SUD - related) demonstration goals and objectives	<p><i>SUD Demonstration Goals include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Increase rates of identification, initiation, and engagement in treatment;</i> <i>2. Increase adherence to and retention in treatment;</i> <i>3. Reduction in overdose deaths, particularly those due to opioids;</i> <i>4. Reduction 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;</i> <i>5. Reduction of readmissions to the same or higher level of care where the readmission is preventable or medically inappropriate; and</i> <i>6. Improve access to care for physical health conditions among beneficiaries.</i>

2. Proposed Modifications to SUD Narrative Information on Implementation, by Milestone or Reporting Topic

Summary of proposed modification	Related metric (if any)	Justification for modification
1. Assessment of Need and Qualification for SUD Services		
<p><i>Provide a brief description of any changes or modifications the state expects to make in its narrative reporting, relative to the expectations described in the SUD Monitoring Report Template (Narrative Information on Implementation)</i></p> <p><i>EXAMPLE</i> <i>Additional topic of interest</i></p>		<p><i>Summarize how the proposed modification will alter reporting relative to the SUD Monitoring Report Template and provide reasoning why this modification is needed</i></p> <p><i>EXAMPLE</i> <i>In addition to reporting on the requested information, the state plans to report on progress on X implementation activity not currently listed in the report template. The state will add this activity as a new row to the “Narrative Information on Implementation” table in Part A of its Monitoring Reports.</i></p>
[Add rows as needed]		
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2. Access to Critical Levels of Care for OUD and other SUDs (Milestone 1)		
<p><i>Provide a brief description of any changes or modifications the state expects to make in its narrative reporting, relative to the expectations described in the SUD Monitoring Report Template (Narrative Information on Implementation)</i></p>		

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3. Use of Evidence-based, SUD-specific Patient Placement Criteria (Milestone 2)		
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4. Use of Nationally Recognized SUD-specific Program Standards to Set Provider Qualifications for Residential Treatment Facilities (Milestone 3)		
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5. Sufficient Provider Capacity at Critical Levels of Care including for Medication Assisted Treatment for OUD (Milestone 4)		
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6. Implementation of Comprehensive Treatment and Prevention Strategies to Address Opioid Abuse and OUD (Milestone 5)		
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7. Improved Care Coordination and Transitions between Levels of Care (Milestone 6)		
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8. SUD Health Information Technology (Health IT)		
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9. Other SUD-related Metrics		
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10. Budget Neutrality		
<i>Provide a brief description of any changes or modifications the state expects to make in its narrative reporting, relative to the expectations described in the SUD Monitoring Report Template (Narrative Information on Implementation)</i>		
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11. SUD-Related Demonstration Operations and Policy		
<i>Provide a brief description of any changes or modifications the state expects to make in its narrative reporting, relative to the expectations described in the SUD Monitoring Report Template (Narrative Information on Implementation)</i>		<i>New Jersey estimated the care management services for SUD with an Implementation date of July 1, 2019 on the CMS approved Implementation Protocol. The state has submitted a SPA announcement for care management services for SUD. Fiscal and budgetary approval processes, changes in administrative oversight and contracting changes with the Medicaid fiscal agent, has resulted in a backlog of necessary approvals and programming. New Jersey estimates the implementation of Care Management Services by July 1, 2020 and requests approval to amend the date from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020.</i>
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12. SUD Demonstration Evaluation Update		
<i>Provide a brief description of any changes or modifications the state expects to make in its narrative reporting, relative to the expectations described in the SUD Monitoring Report Template (Narrative Information on Implementation)</i>		<i>New Jersey has contracted with Rutgers University Center for State Health Policy to complete the evaluation Plan. The draft evaluation plan was approved on January 30, 2020.</i>
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13. Other Demonstration Reporting		
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14. Notable State Achievements and/or Innovations		
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3. Acknowledgement of Budget Neutrality Reporting-

The state has reviewed the Budget Neutrality workbook provided by the project officer and understands the expectations for quarterly and annual monitoring reports. The state will provide the requested budget neutrality information (no modifications).

4. Retrospective reporting

If a state's monitoring protocol is approved after its first quarterly monitoring report submission date, the state should report data to CMS retrospectively for any prior quarters of SUD demonstration implementation. States are expected to submit retrospective metrics data in the state's second monitoring report submission after monitoring protocol approval, or propose an alternative plan for reporting retrospectively on its SUD demonstration.

In the monitoring report submission containing retrospective metrics data, the state should also provide a general assessment of metrics trends from the start of the state's demonstration through the end of the current reporting period. The state should report this information in Part B of its report submission (Table 3: Narrative Information on Implementation, by Milestone and Reporting Topic). This general assessment is not intended to be a comprehensive description of every trend observed in metrics data (for example, unlike other monitoring report submissions, the state is not required to describe all metrics changes (+ or - greater than 2 percent). Rather, the assessment is an opportunity for states to provide context for its retrospective metrics data, to support CMS's review and interpretation. For example, consider a state that submits data showing an increase in the number of medication assisted treatment (MAT) providers (Metric #14) over the course of the retrospective reporting period. The state may decide to highlight this trend to CMS in Part B of its report (under Milestone 4) by briefly summarizing the trend and providing context that during this period, the state implemented a grant that supported training for new MAT providers throughout the state.

The state will report retrospectively for any quarters prior to monitoring protocol approval as described above, in the state's second monitoring report submission after protocol approval.

The state proposes an alternative plan to report retrospectively for any quarters prior to monitoring protocol approval: *Insert narrative description of proposed alternative plan for retrospective reporting. State should provide justification for its proposed alternative plan.*

5. Reporting SUD Demonstration Metrics and Narrative Information

The state should review the guidance in Appendix A of the instructions document in order to attest it will follow CMS's guidance on reporting metrics and narrative information, or propose any deviations. The state should complete Table A below to reflect its proposed reporting schedule for the duration of its SUD demonstration approval period.

The state has completed the table below according to the guidance in Appendix A of the instructions document and attests to reporting metrics and narrative information in its quarterly and annual reports according as described.

The state has reviewed Appendix A of the instructions document and completed the table below with the following deviations: *Insert narrative description of proposed changes to reporting. State should provide justification for any proposed deviation.*

New Jersey proposes to report baseline data as outlined in the Technical Specifications pending approval of the Monitoring Protocol. As per CMS the baseline data will be reported in the 2nd quarter following estimated approval of the protocol. DY2 and CY2 quarterly and annual metrics will be reported as outlined in the proposed schedule. On Jan. 16, 2020 New Jersey and CMS agreed to the claims lag time period. The timeline below takes into account a sufficient claims lag period needed to obtain 83-90% claims completion to evaluate metric trends in the State as we move forward.

A tentative date for initial and subsequent reporting of metrics based on non-claims administrative data from the State Medical Examiner's Office on opioid deaths are included in the timeline. We are in the process of negotiating a data sharing agreement and the tentative date may change. New Jersey requests some flexibility on these Metrics.

The Annual Metric schedule is contingent upon receipt of metric technical specification updates by May. The proposed schedule includes time to make changes to measure specifications and program updates to value set, and codes used to calculate metric numbers 15, 17(1 &2)and 32. Additional time will be needed based on the complexity of the revised technical specifications.

After approval of monitoring protocol, the state will document any future changes to the metric specifications in the data and reporting issues tab of the monitoring report submissions.

Table A. New Jersey reporting in quarterly and annual monitoring reports

Dates of reporting quarter	NJ's broader 1115 DY	NJ's SUD DY	Report due (per STCs schedule)	SUD metrics included in report
Jan 1, 2020– March 31, 2020	DY8 Q3	DY3 Q2 (quarterly)	May 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative information for SUD DY3 Q2
April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020	DY8 Q4	DY3 Q3 (quarterly)	Aug. 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative information for SUD DY3 Q3 Quarterly metrics for SUD DY1 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 Annual CMS-constructed metrics (calculated for DY1) Annual metrics that are established quality measures (calculated for CY 2017) Metrics based on non-claims administrative data for SUD HIT metrics for 5/1/19-4/30/20 Metric analysis for baseline data (SUD DY1 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) Narrative information for baseline data for Annual Metrics; CY 2017 and CMS-constructed metrics for DY1
July 1, 2020- Sept. 30, 2020	DY9 Q1	DY3 Q4 *Quarterly and Annual	Dec. 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative information for SUD DY3 Q4 and SUD DY3 (annual implementation updates) Quarterly metrics for SUD DY2 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 Annual CMS-constructed metrics (calculated for DY2) Annual metrics that are established quality measures (calculated for CY 2018) Annual established quality measures for CY 2019 (excluding Metric #s 15, 17 and 32). Metric analysis for established quality measures CY 2019 (excluding Metric #s 15, 17 and 32). Metric analysis for SUD DY2 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, annual DY2 and annual CY 2018 data
Oct. 1, 2020- Dec. 31, 2020	DY9 Q2	DY4 Q1 (quarterly)	Feb. 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative information for SUD DY4 Q1 Quarterly metrics for SUD DY3 Q1, Q2 and Q3 Annual established quality metric numbers 15, 17 and 32 for CY 2019ⁱ Metric analysis for SUD DY3 Q1, Q2, Q3, and annual CY 2019 data for metric numbers 15, 17 and 32. Phase in CY 2017 and 2018 for Metrics 26 & 27ⁱⁱ
Jan. 1, 2021- March 31, 2021	DY9 Q3	DY4 Q2 (quarterly)	May 31, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative information for SUD DY4 Q2 Quarterly metrics for SUD DY3 Q4

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual CMS-constructed metrics (calculated for DY3) • Metrics based on non-claims administrative data for SUD HIT metrics for 5/1/20-4/30/21 • Metric analysis for SUD DY3 Q4 and annual DY3 data
April 1, 2021- June 30, 2021	DY9 Q4	DY4 Q3 (quarterly)	Aug. 31, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative information for SUD DY4 Q3 • Quarterly metrics for SUD DY4 Q1 • Metric analysis for SUD DY4 Q1 • Annual Metrics that are established quality measures for CY 2020 (excluding Metric #s 15, 17 and 32). • Metric Analysis for annual established quality measures for CY 2020 (excluding Metric #s 15, 17 and 32).
July 1, 2021- Sept. 30, 2021	DY10 Q1	DY4 Q4 *Quarterly and Annual	Dec. 31, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative information for SUD DY4 Q4 and SUD DY4 (annual implementation updates) • Quarterly metrics for SUD DY4 Q2 • Metric analysis for SUD DY4 Q2 and annual CY 2020 data • Annual established quality metric #s 15, 17 and 32 calculated for CY 2020ⁱⁱⁱ • Metric analysis for annual established quality metric #s 15, 17 and 32 calculated for CY 2020
Oct. 1, 2021- Dec. 31, 2021	DY10 Q2	DY5 Q1 (quarterly)	Feb. 28, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative information for SUD DY5 Q1 • Quarterly metrics for SUD DY4 Q3 • Metric analysis for DY4 Q3
Jan. 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022	DY10 Q3	DY5 Q2 (quarterly)	May 31, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative information for SUD DY5 Q2 • Quarterly metrics for SUD DY4 Q4 • Annual CMS-constructed metrics (calculated for DY4) • Metrics based on non-claims administrative data for SUD HIT metrics for 5/1/21-4/30/22 • Metric analysis for SUD DY4 Q4 and annual DY4 data
April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022	DY10 Q4	DY5 Q3 (quarterly) Last quarter of approved demonstration.	Aug. 31, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative information for SUD DY5 Q3 • Quarterly metrics for SUD DY5 Q1 • Metric analysis for SUD DY5 Q1 • Annual Metrics that are established quality measures for CY 2021 (excluding Metric #s 15, 17 and 32). • Metric Analysis for annual established quality measures for CY 2021 (excluding Metric #s 15, 17 and 32).

ⁱ Contingent upon receipt of metric technical specification updates by May, additional time is built in to make changes to measure specifications and program updates to value sets and codes used to calculate metrics.

ⁱⁱ Metric numbers 26 & 27 are the reliant upon State Medical Examiner's Office execution of data sharing agreement.

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