

**CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY**

NUMBER: 11-W-00252/6
TITLE: Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection (GNOCHC)
AWARDEE: Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals

Under the authority of section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (the Act), expenditures made by the State for the items identified below, which are not otherwise included as expenditures under section 1903 of the Act, incurred during the period of this Demonstration, shall be regarded as expenditures under the State's title XIX plan.

The following expenditure authorities shall enable the State to operate its section 1115 Medicaid Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection Demonstration.

1. **Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection Demonstration Population.**
Expenditures for health care costs for individuals, non-pregnant, adults ages 19 through 64 years who have family incomes that do not exceed 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), who are not otherwise eligible under the Medicaid State plan, and who do not have other health insurance coverage and are a resident of the Greater New Orleans region (which includes Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and Jefferson parishes)
2. Expenditures for infrastructure costs related to providing healthcare services under the GNOCHC Demonstration not to exceed 10 percent of the annual budget limit and defined in the Funding and Reimbursement Protocol. These costs would include expenditures to support the clinics delivery of services such as practice management tools.

All requirements of the Medicaid program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement, not expressly identified as not applicable in the list below, shall apply to the Demonstration Population beginning October 1, 2010, through December 31, 2013.

Title XIX Requirements Not Applicable to the Demonstration Population:

1. **Reasonable Promptness** **Section 1902(a)(3) and 1902(a)(8)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to implement a reservation list as a tool to manage enrollment for the Demonstration-Eligible Population.

2. **Amount, Duration, and Scope** **Section 1902(a)(10)(B)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to offer a different benefit package to the Demonstration-Eligible Population that varies in amount, duration, and scope from the benefits offered under the State Plan.

3. Freedom of Choice **Section 1902(a)(23)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to restrict freedom-of-choice of provider for the Demonstration-Eligible Population.

4. Retroactive Eligibility **Section 1902(a)(34)**

To the extent necessary to relieve the State from the obligation to provide coverage for the Demonstration-Eligible Population for any time prior to the date of enrollment into the Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection.

5. Eligibility Standards **Section 1902(a)(17)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to apply different eligibility methodologies and standards to the Demonstration-Eligible Population than are applied under the State plan.

6. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services **Section 1902(a)(43)**

To the extent necessary to relieve the State from the obligation to provide coverage of early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment services to 19- and 20-year-old individuals in the Demonstration-Eligible Population.

7. Statewideness/Uniformity **Section 1902(a)(1)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to operate the Demonstration only in the Greater New Orleans region.

8. State Financial Share **Section 1902(a)(2)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to operate the Demonstration in which the availability of services and coverage is based on the adequacy of funds from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant.

9. Comparability **Section 1902(a)(10)(B) and 1902(a)(17)**

To the extent necessary to enable the State to provide different benefits to the Demonstration-Eligible Population receiving services at GNOCHC clinics.

10. Methods of Administration: Transportation **Section 1902(a)(4), insofar as it incorporates 42 CFR 431.53**

To the extent necessary to relieve the State from the obligation to assure transportation to and from GNOCHC providers for the Demonstration-Eligible Population.