MINNESOTA SECTION 1115 SUD DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET

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Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Minnesota Substance Use Disorder System Reform
Waiver Number: 11-W-00320/5
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SUMMARY

In 2016, Minnesota enacted legislation which directed the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to seek all necessary federal authority to transform the Medicaid and publicly-funded delivery system for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to one that is more accessible and integrated with the larger health care provider system. In addition, the DHS sought new innovative ways to address the opioid crisis within the state. Consequently, on May 14, 2018, Minnesota submitted its 1115 demonstration request entitled, Substance Use Disorder System Reform.

In this demonstration, CMS is authorizing expenditure authority to otherwise eligible individuals who are primarily receiving treatment and withdrawal management services for SUD who are short-term residents in institutions for mental diseases (IMDs).

In addition, Minnesota is one of the states participating in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) demonstration program authorized under section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (Pub. L. 113-93, PAMA), which expires on September 13, 2019. As a part of this demonstration, CMS is approving, temporary expenditure authority to allow Medicaid coverage of CCBHC services past the expiration date of the CCBHC demonstration program until the state is able to include the CCBHC services in the state plan.

ELIGIBILITY

Under this demonstration, there is no change to Medicaid eligibility. Standards for eligibility remain as set forth under the state plan.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

Minnesota currently utilizes both FFS and managed care systems as specified under its state plan for delivering SUD services, both of which currently operate statewide. The state has authority to mandatorily enroll certain special populations, otherwise exempt under federal law, into managed care through its Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) § 1915(b) Waiver. This waiver is in effect for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

COST SHARING
Cost sharing under the demonstration remains the same as what is included in the approved state plan.

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