Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Gateway to Better Health

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Background:

In July 2010, the Gateway to Better Health Demonstration was approved to transition the financial payment structure for five safety net providers in the city of St. Louis to a financial model that links expenditures to coverage of individuals.

In June 2012, the state amended its demonstration to implement a pilot program which enrolled individuals from 0 to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) into a limited provider network that included the five safety net providers. In addition to enrolling individuals into the program, the following changes were made: 1) inclusion of an incentive payment model in which providers could earn back a seven percent withhold from provider payment after demonstrating that they were reporting certain health outcome measures, 2) expansion of administrative support for the demonstration, and 3) provision of infrastructure payments to providers.
In September 2013, the Gateway demonstration was approved for a one-year extension through December 31, 2014. In September 2014, the Gateway demonstration was approved for another 1 year extension through December 31, 2015. On December 11, 2015, the demonstration was approved for another one-year extension through December 31, 2016.

In June 2016, The Gateway demonstration was approved for a 1 year extension through December 31, 2017. The Gateway demonstration covers uninsured individuals ages 19-64 who reside in the St. Louis region with incomes at or below 100 percent of the FPL.

On November 9, 2016, the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) submitted a section 11115 demonstration extension application for approval. The proposed section 1115 application was approved for 5 year without any changes to eligibility, the delivery system, benefits, and cost sharing.

**Eligibility**

The population is limited to uninsured individuals, not eligible for Medicaid, who are living in St. Louis City or St. Louis County, and are between the ages of 19-64 years of age with income up to 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).

**Benefits**

Individuals are eligible to receive a limited set of primary care, specialty benefits, and a limited substance use disorder (SUD) that include outpatient and generic prescription drugs.

**Provider Network**

Individuals enrolled in the demonstration are limited to receiving primary care services from the following clinics: Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Centers, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Betty Jean Kerr People’s Health Centers, Family Health Care Centers, and St. Louis County Health Centers.

Demonstration enrollees seen at the facilities listed above who need physician inpatient services or outpatient hospital care will receive vouchers for such care from a limited provider network.

**Cost Sharing**

Enrollees are subject to the same co-payments as required under the Medicaid state plan and total costs should not exceed the five percent of the family income.

**Amendments**

Amendment #1: The amended demonstration continued to support a critical primary care and specialty care network for low-income individuals in the St. Louis region while implementing a new performance and incentive structure to help promote better health outcomes for individuals served through the demonstration.
Amendment #1 submitted: June 30, 2011
Amendment #1 approved: June 29, 2012

Amendment #2: The state proposed to add as a benefit brand-name insulin and inhalers when there is no generic alternative.

Amendment #2 submitted: February 19, 2015
Amendment #2 approved: December 11, 2015

Amendment #3: The amendment proposes two modifications to the Gateway to Better Health section 1115 demonstration:
1. The authority to receive federal financial participation (FFP) for providing limited SUD services and generic prescription drugs the Gateway to Better Health population; and
2. Revise Gateway to Better Health special terms and condition (STC) language to clarify that state is not required to adhere to the rebate requirements of Section 1927 of the Social Security Act due to the limited nature of Gateway’s prescription drug benefit package.

Amendment #3 submitted: August 31, 2018
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