

**NEW HAMPSHIRE HEALTH PROTECTION PROGRAM  
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE  
SECTION 1115 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION  
FACT SHEET**

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**Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:** New Hampshire Health Protection Program  
Premium Assistance Demonstration

**Waiver Number:** 11-W-00298/1

**Date Proposal Submitted:** November 20, 2014

**Date Approved:** March 4, 2015

**Date Implemented:** January 1, 2016

**Date Expires:** December 31, 2018

  

**Number of Amendments:** 2

**SUMMARY**

The state submitted the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP) Premium Assistance demonstration application on November 20, 2014. This section 1115 demonstration supports implementation of the New Hampshire Health Protection Act (SB 413) which was signed into law by Governor Margaret Hassan on March 27, 2014. The law articulates the way in which New Hampshire will implement the NHHPP in which the qualified health plans (QHP) premium assistance program is a component. Under the NHHPP Premium Assistance demonstration, the state will use premium assistance to support the purchase of coverage for beneficiaries eligible under the new adult group provided by QHPs offered in the individual market through the Marketplace.

**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendment #1:** Waiver of cost-sharing comparability

Date Amendment #1 submitted: August 10, 2016

Date Amendment #1 approved: January 6, 2017

CMS amended the NHHPP Premium Assistance demonstration to allow the state to charge different levels of cost sharing so that copayments charged to NHHPP beneficiaries with income above 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who participate in the Premium Assistance program differ from copayments charged to NHHPP beneficiaries who are medically frail and remain in Medicaid managed care.

**Amendment #2:** Approval of a community engagement program

Date Amendment #2 submitted: October 25, 2017

Date Amendment #2 approved: May 7, 2018

Amendment 2 authorizes New Hampshire to require community engagement as a condition of eligibility for certain Premium Assistance Program beneficiaries. Non-exempt beneficiaries in the “new adult group” ages 19 through 64, with certain exemptions, are required to participate in 100 hours per month of community engagement activities such as employment, education, job skills training or community service. The state will align its community engagement requirements with the work requirements in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and apply all necessary protections described in the recently released State Medicaid Director letter on work and community engagement in section 1115 demonstrations.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The demonstration will serve individuals eligible through the Affordable Care Act’s adult group who are not medically frail and who are 19-64 years old. American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) will maintain the ability to “opt out” of the NHHPP Premium Assistance program or retain their services through Indian Health Service, Tribally operated facility, and Urban Indian (I/T/U) facilities while in a QHP.

### **BENEFITS**

The NHHPP Premium Assistance demonstration enrollees will receive the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) through a QHP that they select and will have cost-sharing obligations consistent with Medicaid cost-sharing rules. The state will provide through its fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid program wrap-around benefits that are included in the ABP but not covered by QHPs. NHHPP Premium Assistance enrollees will also receive coverage through the FFS Medicaid program during the period between application and QHP coverage effectuation date.

### **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

The demonstration is utilizing premium assistance to purchase QHP coverage in the Marketplace to deliver benefits. Each beneficiary will have a choice between at least two QHPs that have been certified as QHPs by the federally-facilitated Marketplace and meet criteria that ensure cost effectiveness in terms of premium amounts and management of care.

For enrollees with incomes between 100 percent and 133 percent of the FPL, New Hampshire expects available QHPs will be 94 percent actuarial value (AV) high-value silver plans. Enrollees with incomes below 100 percent of the FPL, New Hampshire expects available QHPs will be 100 percent AV high-value silver plans.

### **COST SHARING**

All beneficiaries in the demonstration will be subject to state plan cost sharing. Copayments charged to NHHPP beneficiaries with income above 100 percent of the FPL

enrolled in the Premium Assistance program will differ from copayments charged to NHHPP beneficiaries who are medically frail and remain in Medicaid managed care.

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