NEW HAMPSHIRE SECTION 1115(a) MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET
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Name of Demonstration: Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access

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BACKGROUND

On April 25, 2018, New Hampshire submitted a proposal for a new five-year section 1115 demonstration titled, “Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access” (SUD – TRA) (Project Number 11-W-00321/1). This approval authorizes New Hampshire to implement:

- Through fee-for-service and managed care plans that provide Medicaid state plan-approved benefits—including those for opioid use disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorder (SUD) services—to Medicaid beneficiaries who are short-term residents in settings that meet the definition of Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD), primarily to receive SUD treatment. Absent this demonstration, no Medicaid services would be covered for beneficiaries up to age 65 who are residents in an IMD due to the statutory IMD exclusion. Providing expenditure authority for services for beneficiaries who are residing in IMDs primarily for OUD and other SUD treatment is a cost-effective alternative intended to ensure access to medically necessary residential treatment services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

ELIGIBILITY

All of the state’s Medicaid beneficiaries up to age 65 are eligible to receive the services provided under the authority of the SUD – TRA section 1115(a) demonstration.

BENEFITS

The OUD/SUD benefits provided under the demonstration are Medicaid state plan services. Under the demonstration, the state has the authority to receive federal financial participation (FFP) for SUD services as described in the New Hampshire Medicaid State Plan when provided to beneficiaries residing in IMDs for short-term stays primarily to receive SUD treatment, such as:
• Screening by behavioral health practitioners;
• Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT);
• Crisis intervention;
• Evaluation;
• Medically managed withdrawal management;
• Medically monitored withdrawal management;
• Opioid treatment program;
• Office based medication assisted treatment (MAT);
• Outpatient Counseling;
• Intensive Outpatient;
• Partial Hospitalization;
• Rehabilitative Services; and
• Recovery Support Services.

The state currently offers many of the OUD/SUD benefits discussed in State Medicaid Director’s Letter (SMDL) #17-003. The benefit package authorized under this amendment includes a number of services across outpatient and residential SUD treatment and withdrawal management, and is based on American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care.

CMS also concurrently approved the state’s Implementation Plan with this approval which allows New Hampshire to begin claiming FFP for all state plan services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries during their short-term IMD stays for a primary diagnosis of OUD and other SUDs, beginning on the effective date of the approved expenditure authority.

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