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Dear Mr. Lipman:

Thank you to you and your staff for your work on the substance use disorder (SUD) monitoring protocol, which is a component of the state's section 1115(a), titled "New Hampshire SUD Treatment and Recovery Access" ("SUD TRA") (Project No. 11-W-00321/1). The draft SUD monitoring protocol submitted to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on May 13, 2019 has been found to fulfill the requirements set forth in the Special Term and Conditions (STC), section IX—and State Medicaid Director Letter SMD #17-003, "Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic."

The SUD monitoring protocol is approved for the period starting with the date of this approval letter through June 30, 2023—and is hereby incorporated into the demonstration STCs as Attachment D (see attached). Per 42 CFR 431.424(c), the approved SUD monitoring protocol may now be posted to your state's Medicaid website.

If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. Michael Trieger. Mr. Trieger is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115(a) demonstration and his contact information is as follows:

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We look forward to our continued partnership on the New Hampshire SUD TRA section 1115(a) demonstration.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Joyce Butterworth, CMS State Lead, Regional Operations Group

1. Transmittal Title Page for New Hampshire’s SUD Demonstration or SUD Components of Broader Demonstration

State	New Hampshire (NH)
Demonstration Name	Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver
Approval Date	July 10, 2018
Approval Period	July 10, 2018 – June 30, 2023
SUD (or if broader demonstration, then SUD Related) Demonstration Goals and Objectives	<p>The goal of this demonstration is for NH to maintain critical access to opioid use disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorder (SUD) services and continue delivery system improvements for these services to provide more coordinated and comprehensive OUD/SUD treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries.</p> <p>During the demonstration, NH seeks to achieve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased rates of identification, initiation, and engagement in treatment. 2. Increased adherence to and retention in treatment. 3. Reductions in overdose deaths, particularly those due to opioids. 4. Reduced utilization of emergency departments and inpatient hospital settings for treatment where utilization is preventable or medically inappropriate through improved access to other continuum of care services. 5. Fewer readmissions to the same or higher level of care where the readmission is preventable or medically inappropriate. 6. Improved access to care for physical health conditions among Medicaid beneficiaries.

2. Proposed Modifications to SUD Narrative Information on Implementation, by Reporting Topic

Summary of Proposed Modification	Related Metric (if any)	Justification for Modification
1. Assessment of Need and Qualification for SUD Services		
New Hampshire will not analyze relevant trends until Demonstration Year 2, Quarter 1.		CMS approved this request at the September 21, 2018, SUD monitoring call to assure that NH has sufficient data to determine seasonality and common cause variation associated with the data (e.g., flu season impact).
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2. Access to Critical Levels of Care for OUD and other SUDs (Milestone 1)		
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3. Use of Evidence-based, SUD-specific Patient Placement Criteria (Milestone 2)		
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4. Use of Nationally Recognized SUD-specific Program Standards to Set Provider Qualifications for Residential Treatment Facilities (Milestone 3)		
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5. Sufficient Provider Capacity at Critical Levels of Care including for Medication Assisted Treatment for OUD (Milestone 4)		
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6. Implementation of Comprehensive Treatment and Prevention Strategies to Address Opioid Abuse and OUD (Milestone 5)		

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7. Improved Care Coordination and Transitions between Levels of Care (Milestone 6)		
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8. SUD Health Information Technology (Health IT)		
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9. Other SUD-Related Metrics		
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10. Budget Neutrality		
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11. SUD-Related Demonstration Operations and Policy		
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12. SUD Demonstration Evaluation Update		
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13. Other Demonstration Reporting		
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14. Notable State Achievements and/or Innovations		
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New Hampshire’s SUD Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver
Demonstration Year
Quarter
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3. Acknowledgement of Budget Neutrality Reporting-

- New Hampshire has reviewed the Budget Neutrality workbook provided by the project officer and understands the expectations for quarterly and annual monitoring reports.
- New Hampshire will provide the requested budget neutrality information (no modifications).

4. SUD Demonstration Monitoring Reporting Schedule

REPORTING PERIOD:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 & Annual Report
	JUL-SEP	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	APR-JUN
	REPORT SUBMISSIONS DATES			
Demonstration Year 1 7/10/18 – 6/30/19	11/30/2018	2/28/2019	5/31/2019	9/30/2019
Demonstration Year 2 7/10/19 – 6/30/20	11/27/2019	2/28/2020	5/29/2020	9/30/2020
Demonstration Year 3 7/10/20 – 6/30/21	11/30/2020	2/26/2021	5/28/2021	9/30/2021
Demonstration Year 4 7/10/21 – 6/30/22	11/30/2021	2/28/2022	5/31/2022	9/30/2022
Demonstration Year 5 7/10/22 – 6/30/23	11/30/2022	2/28/2023	5/31/2023	9/29/2023

Table 1. New Hampshire’s Monitoring Reporting Schedule: SUD Demonstration Years (DYs) 1 and 2

Dates of Reporting Quarter	DY,Quarter	Report due (per STCs schedule)	SUD Metrics Included in Report
July 10, 2018 – September 30, 2018	DY1, Q1	11/30/2018	» No metrics (SUD reporting infrastructure in development)*
October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018	DY1, Q2	2/28/2019	» No metrics (SUD reporting infrastructure in development)
January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019	DY1, Q3	5/31/2019	» No metrics (SUD reporting infrastructure in development)
April 1, 2019 – June 30,2019	DY1, Q4	9/30/2019	» Grievances and appeals metrics [±] for DY1, Q1-Q4 » Monthly and quarterly metrics for SUD DY1, Q1-Q2
July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019	DY2, Q1	11/27/2019	» Monthly and quarterly metrics for SUD DY1, Q3
October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019	DY2, Q2	2/28/2020	» Monthly and quarterly metrics for SUD DY1, Q4 » Annual metrics that are established quality measures (calculated for CY 2018)** » Annual CMS-constructed and state-identified metrics (calculated for SUD DY1)
January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020	DY2, Q3	5/29/2020	» Monthly and quarterly metrics for SUD DY2, Q1
April 1, 2020 – June 30,2020	DY2, Q4	9/30/2020	» Grievances and appeals metrics for DY2, Q1 –Q4 » Monthly and quarterly metrics for SUD DY2, Q2
July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020	DY3, Q1	11/30/2020	» Monthly and quarterly metrics for SUD DY2, Q3
October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020	DY3, Q2	2/28/2021	» Annual metrics that are established quality measures (calculated for CY 2019) » Annual CMS-constructed and state-identified metrics (calculated for SUD DY2)

* In its revised protocol, the state noted that it will be unable to begin reporting any metrics until DY1 Q4 due to delays to its SUD reporting infrastructure. This delay is reflected in Table 1. Otherwise, Table 1 reflects current CMS reporting guidance (see Appendix A for further detail).

[±] States are not required to report on the CMS-constructed quarterly grievances and appeals metrics. However, reporting on grievances and appeals is required in annual reports per 42 CFR 431.428a(5).

** Annual established quality metric #22 Continuity of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder will first be reported in DY3Q2 for calendar year 2019.

