

**OHIO SECTION 1115 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET**

April 12, 2019

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:	Group VIII Work Requirement and Community Engagement Section 1115 Demonstration
Waiver Number:	11-W-00323/5
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SUMMARY

In 2017, the Ohio General Assembly enacted House Bill 49 requiring a new eligibility condition for the state’s adult Medicaid expansion population. This policy generally requires adults to work and/or participate in community engagement activities as a condition of continued eligibility for Medicaid. In order to implement this policy change the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) submitted the “Group VIII Work Requirement and Community Engagement 1115 Demonstration” on April 30, 2018. On March 15, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the authority for Ohio to implement a community engagement requirement as a condition of continued eligibility. The state intends to implement January 1, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY

This demonstration affects beneficiaries eligible for Medicaid under the “New Adult Group”, specifically, adults up to and including 133 percent of the FPL who meet the other criteria specified in Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 435.119.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Non-exempt demonstration beneficiaries ages 19 through 49 are required to participate in the community engagement requirement as a condition of continued eligibility. To maintain eligibility, non-exempt beneficiaries will be required to participate in one or a combination of qualified community engagement activities such as employment, education and training activities, job search and job readiness programs, and/or community service for a minimum of 20 hours per week (80 hours averaged monthly) in a qualifying community engagement activity.

After a beneficiary is determined eligible for Medicaid, the state will notify beneficiaries of whether they are required to participate in community engagement activities as a condition of continued eligibility. Non-exempt beneficiaries will have 60 days after this notification to report their compliance with the work and community engagement requirement. Beneficiaries will be allowed to report compliance with the work and community engagement requirement consistent with the requirements in 42 CFR 435.907(a). Once the beneficiary reports one time, no further reporting is required unless the beneficiary experiences a change in circumstance consistent with

42 CFR 435.916(c). If a beneficiary does not report within the initial 60 days how the beneficiary is meeting the community engagement requirement, meet the criteria for an exemption, or experiences a good cause circumstance, the beneficiary will be considered non-compliant and be disenrolled from Medicaid. Other than disenrollment, there are no additional penalties for non-compliance and the beneficiary will have the option of applying to re-enroll in Medicaid immediately. Prior non-compliance will not be a factor in any future determination of Medicaid eligibility.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

Demonstration beneficiaries will continue to receive services through the same managed care and fee-for-service arrangements as currently authorized in the state. Beneficiaries who are complying with the community engagement requirement will continue to receive Medicaid benefits and coverage through the managed care plans in the state of Ohio.

COST SHARING

Ohio's section 1115 demonstration does not impose new cost sharing requirements on demonstration beneficiaries.

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