

## **South Dakota Former Foster Care Youth Draft Evaluation Plan**

### **Demonstration Objectives/Goals**

The purpose of this demonstration is to provide Medicaid coverage to former foster care youth under age 26 with an income up to 182 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, who were in foster care under the responsibility of another state or tribe on the date of attaining 18 years of age (or such higher age as the state has elected for termination of federal foster care assistance under title IV-E of the Act), were enrolled in Medicaid on the date of aging out, and are now applying for Medicaid in South Dakota. The Medicaid program objectives of this demonstration are to increase and strengthen overall coverage of former foster care youth and improve health outcomes for this population.

The demonstration goals that will be tested are as follows:

1. Maintain access to Medicaid for former foster care youth who were in foster care and Medicaid in another state and are now a South Dakota resident applying for Medicaid in this state.
2. Improve or maintain health outcomes for the demonstration population.

The demonstration's core evaluation questions, hypothesis, data sources, and analytical approaches are provided in the table below.

## Summary of Key Evaluation Questions, Hypotheses, Data Sources, and Analytic Approaches

<b>Demonstration Goal 1: Maintain access to Medicaid for former foster care youth who were in foster care and Medicaid in another state and are now a South Dakota resident applying for Medicaid in this state.</b>					
<b>Evaluation Component</b>	<b>Evaluation Question</b>	<b>Evaluation Hypotheses</b>	<b>Measure [Reported for each Demonstration Year]</b>	<b>Recommended Data Source</b>	<b>Analytic Approach</b>
Process	Does the demonstration provide continuous health insurance coverage?	Beneficiaries will be continuously enrolled for 12 months.	Number of beneficiaries continuously enrolled/ total number of enrollees	Administrative data – enrollment and disenrollment data	Descriptive statistics (frequency and percentage)
	How did beneficiaries utilize health services?	Beneficiaries will access health services.	Number of beneficiaries who had an ambulatory care visit/ Total number of beneficiaries	Administrative data – Medicaid claims	Descriptive statistics (frequencies and percentages)
			Number of beneficiaries who had an emergency department visit/ Total number of beneficiaries		
			Number of beneficiaries who had an inpatient visit/ Total number of beneficiaries		
			Number of beneficiaries who had a behavioral health encounter /Total number of beneficiaries		
<b>Demonstration Goal 2: Improve or maintain health outcomes for the demonstration population.</b>					
Outcomes/ Impact	What do health outcomes look like for beneficiaries?	Beneficiaries will have positive health outcomes [as defined by NQF measures]	Number of beneficiaries with appropriate follow-up care for hospitalizations (physical and/or mental illness) / Total number of beneficiaries with hospitalizations	Administrative data – Medicaid claims	Descriptive statistics
			Total number of beneficiaries with appropriate medication management for people with asthma / Total number of beneficiaries on medication for asthma		
			Total number of beneficiaries on persistent medications with annual monitoring / Total number of beneficiaries on persistent medications		
			Total number of beneficiaries with an annual preventive visit / Total number of beneficiaries		
			Total number of beneficiaries with a cervical cancer screening/ Total number of beneficiaries eligible for cervical cancer screen		

## **Methodology**

1. Evaluation design: The evaluation design will utilize a post-only assessment. The timeframe for the post-only period will begin when the demonstration begins, and ends when the demonstration ends.
2. Data Collection and Sources: The former foster care youth demonstration population will be tracked by South Dakota as they enroll. The State will pull enrollment data, disenrollment data, and claims data annually. The evaluation will be based on the entire former foster care youth demonstration population. All data will be collected retrospectively through administrative data. The State is not aware of any limitations of the data.
3. Data Analysis Strategy: South Dakota will use quantitative methods to analyze the data. For the hypotheses described in the table above the State will use descriptive statistics.

## **Justification for Excluding Comparison Groups and Baseline Data**

When the out of state former foster care youth population was covered under state plan authority it generally consisted of three or fewer enrolled individuals. The State anticipates an average of three individual being covered under this demonstration annually. Due to the small demonstration population the State would be unable to draw meaningful comparisons using baseline data or a comparison group. Therefore, South Dakota's evaluation design does not include baseline data or a comparison group. The State will still capture all proposed metrics for the demonstration population.

## **Evaluation Reports**

Interim and summative evaluation reports will be submitted to CMS within the timeframes stated in the Specials Terms and Conditions.