
CMCS Informational Bulletin

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SUBJECT: Rescission of Guidance on Health-Related Social Needs

To support implementation of coverage of certain services and supports to address “health-related social needs” (HRSN) in State Medicaid programs and Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP), the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) issued two Center Informational Bulletins (CIBs). The first, *Coverage of Services and Supports to Address Health-Related Social Needs in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program*, was released on November 16, 2023 (November 2023 CIB), and discusses opportunities available under Medicaid and CHIP to cover certain services and supports that purport to address HRSN. With the issuance of the November 2023 CIB, CMCS also published a document, *Coverage of Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*, which CMS has referred to as the “Framework of Coverage of HRSN Services in Medicaid and CHIP” or the “HRSN Framework.” The second CIB, released December 10, 2024, also titled *Coverage of Services and Supports to Address Health-Related Social Needs in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program* (December 2024 CIB), provided updates and clarifications and superseded both the November 2023 CIB and the HRSN Framework.

To evaluate policy options consistent with Medicaid and CHIP program requirements and objectives, CMS is rescinding the November 2023 and December 2024 CIBs. CMS will consider states’ applications to cover these services and supports on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they satisfy federal requirements for approval under the applicable provisions of the Social Security Act and implementing federal regulations, without reference to the November 2023 and December 2024 CIBs or the HRSN Framework.

CMS is committed to working with states to help identify strategies to support innovation and improvement in Medicaid and CHIP. If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please submit them to your State Lead.